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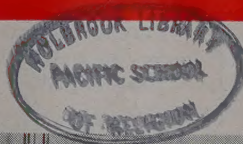
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## From the Executive Secretary . . .

WHITHER BOUND? Where are you going this summer? Will yours be a vacation with a purpose? It's not too late to plan to attend the 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland, Oregon, July 8 through 13. What's in store? Opportunities of a lifetime—including outstanding speakers and evangelical Christian leaders, wonderful Christian fellowship, conferences, Bible study, discussion groups, a great youth banquet, and a Christian Witness parade. The City of Roses is preparing a great welcome for you. See you in Portland!

ANNUAL MEETINGS—Important annual meetings are scheduled to be held in Portland, Oregon, during the days of the International Convention. The Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday afternoon, July 9, at two o'clock in the Heathman Hotel. Annual, Sustaining, Supporting and Life Members, comprising the Corporation of the International Society, will convene on Wednesday afternoon, July 10, at two o'clock, also in the Heathman Hotel. Officers will be elected and regular business will be transacted. Pray with us, won't you, for God's guidance during these important meetings.

CONGRATULATIONS—Legions of friends of President Earle W. Gates are congratulating him on new honors coming to him. Dr. Elmer Becker, president of Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, has announced that the Faculty and Board of Trustees of Huntington College have unanimously voted to confer upon Christian Endeavor's own Rev. Earle Gates the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. This degree will be conferred at the commencement on June 10. President Earle will preach the sermon for the theological seminary at the College Park United Brethren Church, Huntington, on Sunday morning, June 9. Huntington College, a bulwark of evangelical Christianity, is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary. We rejoice in the well-deserved honor and recognition coming to so great and devoted a Christian leader as our president.

ABOUT CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS—International Finance Committee Chairman Norman Klauder is chairman of arrangements for the forthcoming annual sessions of the American Baptist Convention in Philadelphia. There are nearly one thousand Baptists on his committees. He recently directed all arrangements for the 250th anniversary celebration of the Philadelphia Baptist Association . . . International Executive Committee member Allan J. Blair, Passaic, New Jersey, will present long-time Christian Endeavorer Rev. George H. Talbott, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Passaic, for the honorary degree to be conferred during the annual convocation of Bloomfield College and Theological Seminary . . . Travis Ewing, of Indianapolis, recently was awarded second place honors in the Indiana Toastmistress Clubs' state-wide oratorical contest. She is an active Christian Endeavorer in the Fountain Square Christian Church. . . Timothy J. Kribs, president of the Oregon Christian Endeavor Union, was recently ordained to the Christian ministry at the Astoria Christian Church, Astoria, Oregon. On June twenty-third Tim takes as his bride Miss Lavonne Rebecca Cone at the First Christian Church, Vancouver, Washington.

IT'S FRANKFURT IN 1958—Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the German Christian Endeavor Union, have announced that the 13th World's Christian Endeavor Convention will be held in Frankfurt, Germany, July 23-27, 1958.

*Harold Westerhoff*



GREAT WELCOME awaits Christian Endeavorers in Portland, Oregon, July 8-13 at the 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention.

More than 3,000 youth from all sections of North America are expected to attend.

The very fine Heathman Hotels in downtown Portland will be headquarters hotels. All of the major sessions except the banquet will be held in the spacious Public Auditorium.

### Registration Leaders

Golden Rule Union of Washington, D.C., is the first to top its minimum goal. Golden Rule also took first honors in Division B for April with a gain of 20%. Maryland placed second for the month.

The Pennsylvania Union showed the greatest gain in Division A in April, with Ohio taking second position for the month in that division.

The registration contest closes June 17. Parade positions will be determined for the unions according to their final standing. Many other awards will also be given to individuals, societies, and local district unions.

### Outstanding Program

The program committee headed by Dr. R. W. Rash has prepared outstanding sessions.

The convention will officially open Monday evening when President Earle W. Gates gives the keynote address. Tuesday evening's speaker will be Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president of the International Society. Citizenship night will be Wednesday evening, when Rev. Melvin M. Forney, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, addresses the group.

The Fellowship Banquet for all delegates will be held Friday night at the Masonic Temple. Rev. Paul M. Nagano of Honolulu, Hawaii, will speak and Arch McQuilkin of Pennsylvania will be the toastmaster. Saturday evening's great closing session will feature Dr. Daniel A. Kling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

There will be Quiet Hours each morning led by Rev. Ellis R. Shaw, minister of the Brooklyn Heights Presbyterian Church, San Diego, California. General Assemblies will be directed by Arch J. McQuilkin, with singing led by B. McClain Cochran, field secretary of the Pennsylvania Union. Other singing will be led by Cecil A. Jeffery of Los Angeles, California, regional vice-president of the International Society.

### "School" Each Morning

Each morning there will be the usual "school" of the convention with many fine leaders sharing in the conferences. A total of 32 sessions will be held. The Youth Assembly will meet daily. Junior leaders will have special conferences each morning, with a Junior convention planned for Saturday.

Saturday's program also includes the communion service. Jess W. Johnson of St. Johns Christian Church, Portland, will serve as minister in charge, assisted by Bishop Frederick D. Jordan of the M.E. Church, Los Angeles, California. Special music at the banquet and communion service will be provided by the male quartet from Northwest Christian College.

The Christian Witness parade through the streets of downtown Portland is scheduled to move at 2:00 p.m. Saturday.



Rev. Earle W. Gates (left), president of International Society of Christian Endeavor, and Timothy J. Kribs, president of Oregon Christian Endeavor Union, both say:

*Come to  
Portland--  
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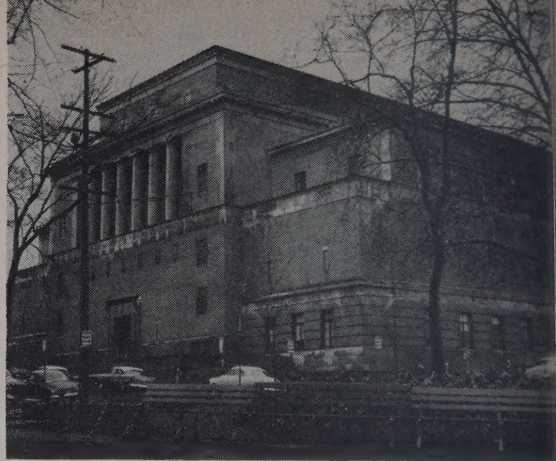


OVER PICTURE—Marjorie Boon (left), vice-chairman in charge of Hospitality for the Portland Convention Committee, confers with committee chairmen as plans are readied to welcome thousands of delegates at the International Christian Endeavor Convention July 8-13. They are: Seated (left to right)—Vivian Mondhan, Pages and Guides; Mrs. Wallace L. Lee, Meals and Banquet; Mrs. E. B. Versteeg, Home Housing; Mrs. Walter Higer; Mrs. Melvin Brunson; and Melvin Brunson, Information. Standing (left to right)—Walter Raz, Tours and Transportation; and Mrs. Walter Raz, Registration cords.





**REGISTRATIONS**—Securing registrations from Oregon Endeavors is the chief concern of these members of the Portland Convention Committee. They are (left to right) Mrs. Bernard Petty, in charge of Portland Registrations; Mrs. Walter Raz, Registrations Records; Harold E. Westerhoff, executive secretary of the International Society; Mrs. Albert Kribs, vice-chairman in charge of Registrations; and Mrs. Zella Reiersen, Registration Publicity.



**SITE OF FELLOWSHIP BANQUET**—The Masonic Temple, adjacent to the Heathman Hotels, has been selected for the great Fellowship Banquet on Friday evening, July 12. The spacious Shrine Hall provides banquet facilities for 1200 Endeavorers. Following the banquet an outdoor hymn sing is scheduled in the park blocks between the Masonic Temple and the Heathman Hotels. The Fellowship Banquet is always a high light of the convention.

## Portland Is Ready and Waiting

Portland, Oregon, is ready to serve as host to the thousands of North American youth who will attend the 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention July 8-13.

Philip S. Hitchcock, public relations director of Lewis and Clark College, is general chairman of the local committee. A score of subcommittees are active getting things ready that delegates may be comfortable and have a pleasant stay in the City of Roses.

The Portland Committee is making special plans for youth at the convention. A Hospitality Room for delegates is being prepared at Central Christian Church. Teen-age youth housed in the dormitories at Jennings Lodge will enjoy a bonfire and singspree each evening following the convention sessions.

Unusual banquet decorations are being prepared, using the theme of "Indians."

Sight-seeing to the many places of interest in and near Portland will be arranged for the opening day and for each afternoon during the convention. Bonneville dam, the Columbia River, and Multnomah Falls are among the many scenic high lights which no delegate will want to miss.



**MUSIC CHAIRMAN** is Professor Earl H. Anderson of Cascade College, Portland. A convention chorus to sing at major sessions is being organized.



**THEY'RE PLANNING, TOO**—Committee chairmen meet with Glen Meek (left), vice-chairman in charge of Halls. They are: Standing (left to right)—Philip S. Hitchcock, general chairman; Mrs. Art Blair; Averitt Dunagan, Ushers; Art Blair, Halls; and Richard Winchell, Parade. Seated (left to right)—Mrs. Glen Meek and Mrs. Averitt Dunagan.



# Housing Is Tops!

Very fine arrangements have been made for housing delegates at the Portland Convention.

Special conference rates for Endeavorers are offered at the Heathman Hotels, which are near the Public Auditorium and adjacent to the Masonic Temple. Other attractive, near-hotels are also offering special rates.

Home housing during the convention will be available for \$1.25 a night. Fine dormitory accommodations are offered to teen-age delegates and their counselors at Jennings Edge Assembly Grounds in the Portland suburbs, at a cost only \$1.50 per night, including bedding and breakfast.

Reservations for housing must be made early, as space is at a premium in Portland in July. When registrations are received in Columbus for the convention the forms for the various housing accommodations will be sent.

A handy registration blank is printed on page 11 of this issue of THE WORLD.

## They're Coming!

Endeavorers are coming to Portland by auto, by bus, train, and by plane.

Two tour groups are scheduled from the east. The Fellowship Tour party with J. Allen Tucker, 1820 East Schiller Street, Philadelphia 34, Pennsylvania, director, will leave Philadelphia on July 3. Traveling to Portland by way of Moff and Lake Louise, the group will arrive in Victoria after the convention, and four days at Glacier National Park, and return to Philadelphia July 12.

The Great Lakes Economy Tour group with Julian Moran of Leroy, Michigan, in charge, will leave Chicago on July 6, travel to Portland for the convention, visit Victoria, Seattle, and Glacier National Park, returning to Chicago on July 22.

## Canton Endeavorers Will Be There

Since October, 1955 the youth of First Christian Church of Canton, Ohio, have been working to raise funds to charter a bus to the Portland Convention. Various projects such as the sale of vanilla, baked goods, hand-made souvenirs, candy, and paper; rummage sales; a three-act play; and collecting sales tax stamps for refunds have raised a total of \$2,650. The missionary fund of the church added an additional \$1,000.

These efforts have made possible the trip of 26 young people to Portland. Roy and Minta Blackburn and Robert and Martha Connor will travel with the youth as sponsors. Each young person will provide money for his own meals and personal spending. A three weeks' trip is scheduled, with sight-seeing at points of interest enroute.



**PROGRAM LEADERS CONFER**—Dr. R. W. Rash (left), chairman of the Portland Program Committee, and Robert C. Ross (center), educational secretary of the International Society, discuss program plans with Dr. Clyde W. Meadows. Dr. Meadows, vice-president of the International Society, is scheduled to address the convention on Tuesday evening, July 9.

Much of the credit for the success of this venture goes to P. H. Welshimer because of his very loyal support. Now in his 55th year in the ministry of First Christian Church, he is vitally interested in Christian Endeavor and believes that it is the answer to many of the problems of the church.

## Special Events

On Friday afternoon, July 12, the annual Oregon State Convention will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 at First Christian Church in Portland.

Denominational luncheon conferences are scheduled for Wednesday

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# Making a Will?

## Remember Christian Endeavor . . .

Yes, remember Christian Endeavor International in your will, that its ministry may be undergirded in the days ahead.

A sample bequest:

*I give and bequeath to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, Columbus, Ohio, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars.*

For information write to:

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Columbus 16, Ohio

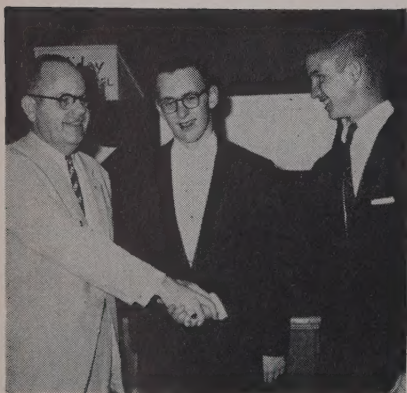


## Middle Atlantic Region Holds Successful Conference

**A SINGING CONFERENCE**—Pictured at right are some of the 225 delegates as they enjoyed a song service at Holiday Motor Hotel (near Harrisburg), April 26-28. Every state and union in the Middle Atlantic Region was represented. Regional Vice-President James M. Thompson directed the conference.



**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** (left) brought to close a weekend of instruction, inspiration, and fellowship for Middle Atlantic Region Endeavorers.



**CONGRATULATIONS**—Harold Westerhoff (left), executive secretary of International Society, shakes hands with Richard M. Smith of Walkersville, Maryland, winner of second place award in Division A in the Citizenship Contest and has recently won a national merit scholarship. Jim will major in English at Swarthmore and plans a career in high school teaching. He is active in Erie County Christian Endeavor.

## Southern Region Leaders Meet in Georgia



At the recent meeting in Augusta of Christian Endeavor leaders from the Southern Region, Rev. Earle W. Gates (left), president of the International Society, spoke on "Christian Endeavor Around the World." Others pictured are (left to right) Elizabeth McKnight of Richmond, Virginia, outgoing chairman of the Southern Region; Marcella Thornton of High Point, North Carolina, new Southern chairman; and T. Shepherd Clark of Augusta. Delegates from Georgia, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Alabama were present.



## Christian Endeavor Night at New York Crusade

Friday, June 28, will be Christian Endeavor night at the Billy Graham New York Crusade. A section will be reserved in Madison Square Garden for Christian Endeavorers. Special privileges will be provided and admission to the section will be by ticket.

Pennsylvania Christian Endeavorers may secure tickets from their state president, Gordon McMordie, 33 Bridle Path Lane, Feasterville. Others should write to Elizabeth Masarech, headquarters secretary of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union, Tarrytown, New York. Requests for tickets must be accompanied by stamped, self-addressed return envelopes.

Chairman for the Christian Endeavor delegation is Florence M. Raber, president of the New York State Union.

All Endeavorers are urged to join in prayer support for the Crusade which opened May 1 in New York City.

## Los Angeles County Appoints New Secretary

Rev. Martin C. Soper is now serving as the executive field secretary for the Los Angeles County Christian Endeavor Union. He succeeds Dr. Roy Creighton, who held this position for the past 33 years.

Los Angeles County has 9,000 Endeavorers from 160 denominations. The union is organized into nineteen divisions, each with an executive committee.

Mr. Soper is a graduate of the college and seminary divisions of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. For over five years he served as pastor of the Roosevelt Community Church of Lancaster, California. He is married and has a daughter.



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## Pennsylvania Reports 100 New Societies

At its recent executive committee meeting, the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union reported the organization of more than 100 new Christian Endeavor societies as part of the Evangelistic Missionary Advance which began September, 1956.

Other goals achieved were more than 100 new contributors, contacts in all areas of the state by the executive officers, advances in work with Juniors and in the Adult Fellowship department, and support of a field secretary in India.

Gordon McMordie of Philadelphia heads the Pennsylvania Union. Warren G. Hoopes, Jr., is general secretary, with B. McClain Schran serving as field secretary.

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# World's Convention Set for Frankfurt, Germany, in 1958

## Harold Westerhoff Named Acting General Secretary, Area I, World's Union; To Visit Germany in August With Dr. Daniel Poling and Rev. Earle Gates

The 13th World's Christian Endeavor Convention is scheduled for July 23-27, 1958, in the great "Messehalle" in Frankfurt, Germany. The theme will be "I Am the Light of the World."

### Westerhoff Named

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Union, announces that Harold E. Westerhoff of Columbus, Ohio, has been appointed acting general secretary for Area I. Mr. Westerhoff continues to serve as treasurer of the World's Union and as executive secretary of the International Society. He follows the late Ernest R. Bryan, who also served as president of the International Society.

William J. Sharpe of Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Warwickshire, England, is general secretary of Area II of the World's Union, which includes Europe, Africa, India, and the Middle East. Area I takes in the Americas, the Pacific Region, and Asia (except India).

### Leaders to Visit Germany

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, accompanied by Harold E. Westerhoff and Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society, will attend the German National Convention at Kiel August 2-4 of this year.

Following the German Convention Dr. Poling and Mr. Gates will visit with Christian Endeavor leaders in Great Britain. Mr. Gates is also planning to spend some time at the Youth for Christ International gathering at Copenhagen, Denmark, and at the Boy Scout World Jamboree in England.

### Plans Under Way

Already the Frankfurt Christian Endeavor Association, which will serve as host for the 1958 World's Convention, has organized and is functioning.

Program details will be discussed by Endeavorers during the Area II Conference in Austria July 7-13 at Villa Friedheim, Seeboden, Carinthia.

The World's Convention Program Committee, composed of Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the German Union, William J. Sharpe, and Harold E. Westerhoff, will meet with Dr. Poling at Kiel on August 5.

### 1958 Tour Announced

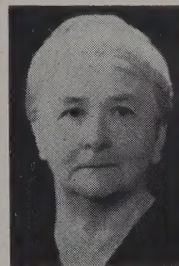
Harold Westerhoff, tour director, announces that plans are being made for a 1958 International Christian Endeavor Fellowship Tour to Europe. The tour party will leave New York City on July 12, fly to London, visit the International

World's Fair in Brussels, and then attend the convention in Frankfurt. Leaving Germany, the party will travel to Switzerland, Italy, the French and Italian Riviera, and Paris, returning to New York City by air on August 11.

The World's Union includes approximately 3,000,000 members in 80 denominations in over 50 countries or island groups. The last convention was held in 1954 in Washington, D.C.

Headquarters for Area II is in London, England, with headquarters for Area I and the World's Union located in Columbus, Ohio.

## PROGRAM GUIDE WRITERS



Mrs. John R. Strome



Charles S. Drain, Jr.

The annual program guides published by Christian Endeavor, which will shortly be off the press, were written by Mrs. John R. Strome of Berlin, Maryland, and Charles S. Drain, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Strome, who has served as devotional superintendent of the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union since 1930, is the author of the Senior-Young People's edition. Mr. Drain, secretary-treasurer of the Strassheim Printing Co., Inc., and a past president of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union, has written the Intermediate Guide.



# COST FOR-A- DAY

What It Is - -

What It Does

It takes \$200 each day to operate the ever-expanding ministry of Christian Endeavor International.

Through memberships \$100 of each day's cost of operation is raised.

We still need \$100 each day from friends of youth to support the work.

Facsimile of attractive, especially engraved metal membership certificate being carried by Supporting Annual Members enrolled in the Cost-For-A-Day Movement.

For \$100 you can make certain that Christian Endeavor's world-wide ministry continues for another day. Why not select a day, or several days, of personal significance? Set aside a day in appreciation of what Christ has done for you or as a loving memorial to a dear one. Single out a birthday, an anniversary, or any day of personal importance. Let us know what day you wish honored in your name.

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I understand that I will receive a card evidencing my participation in the Cost-For-A-Day Movement and qualifying me as a Supporting Annual Member of the International Society of Christian Endeavor with all rights and privileges of such membership, including an annual subscription to THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

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# Youth Forum

## We Asked . . . .

What do you think about dating young people of other faiths, or those who profess no faith at all?

## Youth Forum Members Answered . . . .

... Ideally, every Christian young person should date, and eventually marry, another Christian youth. But let's be practical. This can't always happen, particularly in dating. I don't believe it's necessarily wrong to go out with someone of a different faith or of no faith at all, providing the Christian realizes the difficulties in any more serious relationships. But it is a mistake to date someone solely with the idea of winning him or her to Christ. From my own experience, I know this doesn't work.

... Dating young people of other faiths gives one an opportunity to find out just how one faith is different from or similar to other faiths. For those who do not profess a faith, it gives them a chance to find out more about a particular faith and in many cases would help the individual to choose a faith.

... It is not a good practice. This does not mean, however, that Christians should snub those who do not believe as they do. Friendliness is one of the best ways to win non-Christians to Christ. It is a good idea to remember that dating, sooner or later, leads to choosing a companion for life; also, that the Word of God tells us not to become unequally yoked together with unbelievers. If a Christian young person sees that the friendship is getting too serious, I believe he should do something about it—either talk to his pastor and parents or stop dating the person.

... Even though I feel that it is a Christian's duty to mix with all people and to exert his Christian ideals in as many directions as possible, I think that in dating we should be extremely careful. I have found that when dating a Christian boy I have a nice, relaxed good time. But when dating one of another faith I have not enjoyed myself half as much. In dating I think the desirable thing would be to keep our influences Christian.

... When you go out with a fellow you never know but that you might fall in love with him and decide that he is the "one." I have a girl friend who says that she would never go out with anyone on a date unless she thought he would be suitable for her life partner. There is quite a little good common sense in this.

... If we associate only with those of our own denomination or faith, we cannot begin to understand the feelings of our fellow men as a whole. Learning to know people of other faiths through friendly dating helps towards better human relations. However, the great drawback about this practice is that too often mixed marriages are the outcome and therefore it is not always for the best.

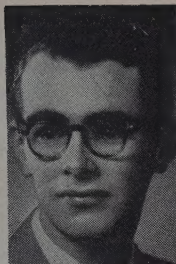
... In this modern day a Christian is apt to have a deep friendship with someone who is of another faith or who believes nothing; if the friendship persists, a girl and boy may find themselves faced with a decision for or against marriage. A Christian who finds himself involved in such a situation needs to be alert for growing emotional complexity in the relationship. Before it becomes entangling, he must decide if he is willing to give, in his beliefs, and meet the other person halfway. If his answer to this is negative, he had better limit his dates and keep them friendly and casual.

... I believe that it is better to date those of your own faith for if you have the same faith as well as other things in common it will lead toward a better relationship and maybe some day marriage, and a very happy one.

... To merely date an individual once, as long as they are morally sound and clean, presents no real problem in itself. Rather, it is the steady date that brings this issue to its full scope. One must be able to judge between the "ignorant concerning the Gospel" and the "antagonistic against the Gospel." The last must be left out of the Christian's life. There are so many examples of unhappiness because of the differences of faith, it would seem that there is a definite need for "oneness" in faith to have a harmonious Christian fellowship. I believe that it is to the advantage of youth to date those of their own faith.



Jana Woodrum



Donald A. McQuarrie



Helen C. Scott

A . . . home is Berthoud, Colorado . . . junior at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor . . . majoring in piano . . . top winner in 1954 Friendship Contest . . . vice-chairman of Youth Assembly. DON . . . from Kitchener, Ontario . . . employed as assistant stores clerk . . . Evangelical United Brethren . . . finance superintendent of Ontario Union. N . . . junior at District of Columbia Teachers College . . . major in English . . . vice-president, Golden Rule Union . . . president, Youth Council, Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference, A.M.E. Zion Church . . . secretary, Youth Assembly.



June McGill

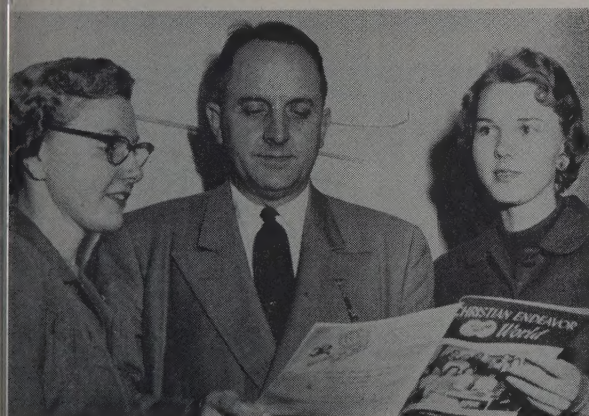
## Introducing Members of Youth Forum Committee



Virgie Lcu Rudolph

IE . . . senior, Shaw High School, Cleveland, Ohio . . . plans nursing career . . . president, Cuyahoga County Christian Endeavor . . . attends United Presbyterian . . . sponsors Junior society. VIRGIE LOU . . . Berwyn, Maryland . . . 1956 graduate . . . employed at Board of Education . . . vice-president, Christian Endeavor, Grace E.U.B. Church . . . chair member . . . vice-president, Maryland Christian Endeavor.

Young people from various sections of the United States and Canada are serving on the Youth Forum Committee. From time to time THE WORLD will publish their opinions on subjects of vital interest to youth today. Five members of the Forum are pictured above. Other members are Imma Jean Gallimore (Virginia), Marvin L. Dove (Colorado), Carol Ann Abrahamian (New York), James Humphreys (Pennsylvania), Joan Carson (Oregon), and Donald L. Holben (Michigan).



REE PRESIDENTS—Lucy Ashley (left) president of North Carolina Union, and Doris Jean Teague (right) president of Alamance County Union and North Carolina vice-president, meet with Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society. Mr. Gates made a recent trip through the Southern Region, visiting Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia. He placed third in Division A in the 1957 Christian Endeavor Citizenship Contest.





## President Gates

# ANSWERS

## Your Questions

1. *What will be the value of adding this column to THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD?*

By this means our youth can seek answers to their personal and society problems, as well as express their own opinions with their questions.

2. *What do you think of a person who joins the church, and then only attends church or Sunday school on Christmas, Easter, or Communion?*

I would think little of his faith or sincerity, and would ask him, "What think ye of Jesus?" What does he really believe?

3. *How many Christian Endeavorers are there in the United States today?*

More than 1,000,000, plus many more alumni members.

4. *What is sin?*

There are many definitions. One that I like best is given in the Shorter Catechism, "Sin is any want of conformity unto or any transgression of the will of God." Sin is doing what we want to do, rather than what God wants us to do.

5. *Our County Christian Endeavor Union wants to make ours a Dry County. Is this move advisable, as far as hope of succeeding?*

Anything is advisable if it be in the cause of higher righteousness or social good. Do your level best, and leave the results with God. The local option law is our greatest present hope for the control of the increasing liquor threat. By this law local areas can, by the vote of the populace, be legally "dry." It is imperative that exact legal procedure be followed to the letter.

6. *What do you think about young people quitting school at 16?*

They are defeating the very purpose for which they quit. The reason is usually to earn money or to avoid the hard effort of succeeding. This unwise action almost inevitably reduces their income for life, and it prepares them only for harder work and more lasting discouragements.

7. *Is segregation in the church necessary?*

No.

8. *Is Elvis Presley a bad influence on teen-agers?*

Any person or situation that calls forth the baser instincts in a human being is a bad influence. Young people need to be challenged to bring out their best, not helped to express their worst.

9. *What do you think about mixed marriage?*

Though my opinion is unimportant, I am firmly convinced by countless counselings and experiences that it is completely inadvisable. It begins a sacred union with a serious handicap. A marriage may be "mixed" between any two faiths, between a Christian and an atheist, or just between a devout Christian and one indifferent (II Corinthians 6:14).

10. *What is the "Christian Endeavor Chapter" in the Bible?*

Romans 12.

Send your questions to Rev. Earle W. Gates, President, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

## Many Unions Hold Easter Sunrise Services

Reports have been received of Easter Sunrise Services sponsored by Christian Endeavorers in many sections of the United States and of Canada.

The Grand Rapids (Michigan) Union held their annual interdenominational service in the Civic Auditorium, with the Rev. Gordon Van Oostenburg, pastor of Bethany Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, delivering the address. The Hope Church Choir provided special music.

A service at the Parkman Bandstand in Boston Common was sponsored by the Suffolk County (Massachusetts) Union.

## 3500 Attend Missouri Service

More than 3500 worshipers gathered at Tower Grove Park, St. Louis, for the annual Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the St. Louis Union. This is the oldest service in the St. Louis area, having been held every year since 1929.

Dr. V. R. Edman, president of Wheaton College, brought the message. The voice of a cappella choir of Roosevelt High School sang and band music was provided by the Salvation Army. All money for actual expenses is used for evangelistic work, such as the St. Louis Sunshine Res. Mission, Moody Film Department, missionary work in the Ozarks.

## Good Friday Breakfast

In Ontario, Endeavorers gathered at Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, April 19 for the annual Good Friday Breakfast and Quiet Hour Service sponsored by the Toronto Union. Guest speaker was Albert Day, president of the Ontario Union and associate president of International Society.

## Christian Endeavor in Mexico

Rev. W. Winn Erdman of Oaxaca, Mexico, Presbyterian missionary, reported that the young people at San Miguel have received such spiritual help from a Christian Endeavor convention that he is planning to hold a local convention in their town.

## Citizenship Contest Winners Represent Many Denominations

Winners in the sixth annual Christian Endeavor Citizenship Contest came from 13 different denominations or brotherhoods. The Church of Christ or Christian Church and the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., had the largest number among the top 42 winners, each having seven. Tied with six winners each were the Reformed Church in America and the Presbyterian Church, U.S. There were five winners from Community churches, three from Methodist churches, and two from United Brethren in Christ congregations. One winner each listed the following: Baptist, Congregational-Christian, Evangelical and Reformed, Friends, Independent, and Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Honors will be accorded victors in the contest on Wednesday evening, July 10, at the International Convention in Portland, Oregon. The Albert H. Diebold Citizenship Awards will be presented at that time by Robert C. Ross, citizenship director of the International Society.



CONTEST JUDGES MEET—The board of judges in Christian Endeavor 1957 Citizenship Contest met at Christian Endeavor Headquarters to select the top winners. They are (left to right) W. Colburn Standish, Detroit businessman; the Honorable Carl V. Weygandt, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio; and Dr. Gene Stone, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, New Castle, Pennsylvania, and long-time Endeavorer.



# Introducing . . .

**JULIAN MORAN**, vice-president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, who makes his home in Troy, Indiana.

Well-known and well-liked in Christian Endeavor circles, Julian has served as district, and state president of Indiana and is now an advisor for the Indiana Christian Endeavor Union. He is a member of the Finance and Executive Committees of the International Society.

A successful business man, he is a partner in the Moran Lumber Company and a director of the Northern Indiana Association of Home Builders.



Julian Moran

Very active, too, in First Christian Church at Crown Point, he is an elder, Bible school teacher, chairman of the Youth Committee, and also finds time to sing

the choir.

Just now engrossed in details of the Great Lakes Economy Tour, Julian does not have much time to devote to his hobbies of bowling and golf. He is serving as tour director for the endeavors of his area who are traveling to Portland for the International convention in July.

Among Julian's many assets are his lovely wife Claribel and his three children—Susan (12), Tom (6), and Doug (5).

When asked his favorite food, Julian said, "All seem to agree with me by the looks of my size."

Robert N. Gambriner of St. Petersburg, Florida, paid tribute to Julian Moran and to Christian Endeavor in a recent article in THE LOOKOUT. Mr. Gambriner says, "Not only did Christian Endeavor work lead me to Christ, but it also led me into my profession. . . . Julian Moran, who then as later was an enthusiastic Endeavorer, and who, to this day, I consider a very important figure in my life, asked me about my interest in drawing. As a result of that conversation and later ones, I went to work for him and his father, and they gave me a knowledge of the field of construction. . . . Not only was my own life changed by Christian Endeavor activity, but in the course of time all

except one of my once Jewish family have accepted Christ and are living Christian lives."

Ever humble, when Julian was told that he had been selected as personality of the month, he said, "My single hope would be that such an honor might encourage more young people to do greater things for Christ and the Church, and for the movement of Christian Endeavor."

## C. E. Conferences And Conventions

### JUNE

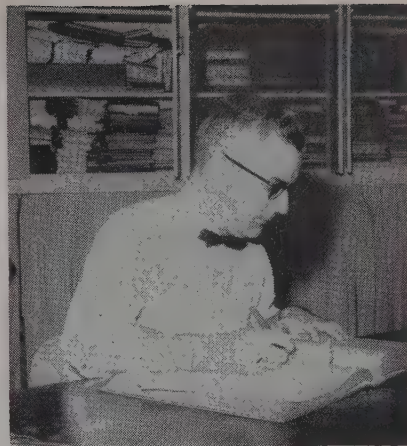
- 3-6—West Virginia, Buckhannon
- 7-9—Iowa, Pella
- 20-23—California, San Bernardino
- 20-23—Michigan, Holland
- 20-23—Texas, Dallas
- 22-29—Massachusetts, Northfield (Conference)
- 27-30—Illinois, Peoria
- 27-30—Ohio, Shelby
- 28-30—Armenian Union of California, Oakland

### JULY

- 8-13—44th International Convention, Portland, Oregon
- 12—Oregon, Portland

### AUGUST

- 3-10—Ontario, Chesley Lake Camp (Summer Conference)
- 5-9—Virginia, Bridgewater
- 7-11—Pennsylvania, Chambersburg (Summer Assembly)
- 17-24—Oregon, Camp Adams (Leadership Conference)
- 30-Sept. 2—District of Columbia, Camp Letts, Edgewater, Maryland (Conference)
- 30-Sept. 2—Michigan, Waldenwoods (Fall Retreat)



**RESEARCH FOR THESIS**—Rev. Delno Brown, pastor of the Hobart (Illinois) Christian Church, spent several days at Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, recently. He is shown searching through old records and copies of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD as he gathers material for a thesis to complete work toward his master's degree in religious education at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois. His subject is Christian Endeavor—reasons why it began, its purposes, analysis of the work of Christian Endeavor, and of how well it has achieved its purposes through the years. Mr. Brown holds an A.B. degree from Johnson Bible College and a B.D. from the School of Religion, Butler University.

## Christian Endeavor in Africa

W. J. Sharpe, general secretary for Area II of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, reports that new Christian Endeavor societies have been formed on mission stations in the Belgian Congo and, farther south still, at Mbereshi in Northern Rhodesia.

Formerly most of the Christian Endeavor work on this continent was concentrated in the Union of South Africa.

## Here's My Registration for Portland!

Please register me. I enclose \$4 (after June 30 fee is \$5)

Rev., Mr., Mrs., Miss \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle proper title—Type or print plainly)

Street & No. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of the Christian Endeavor Society or Youth Fellowship of the \_\_\_\_\_ Church

(Give full name and denomination)

Local Union \_\_\_\_\_ State Union \_\_\_\_\_

If over 25 years of age, please check here ☐ If 25 or under, please state age \_\_\_\_\_

My present responsibility in Christian Endeavor is \_\_\_\_\_

I desire information on the International Fellowship Tour ☐

I desire information on the Great Lakes Tour ☐

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR**

**1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio**



QUESTIONS directed last summer to many young adults convinced me that in summertime those in this age group have free time and unused energies that churches do not utilize. The reasons:

Employed young adults don't invariably go away from home during their vacation weeks. Some plants and stores operate for fewer hours per week in midsummer. Students are home from college. Social and other organizations may curtail their programs and hold few if any midsummer meetings. Sports and hobbies which might crowd a young adult's free time at other seasons are less demanding in summer.

Hence my conclusion that we may so plan midyear programs that summer will stimulate the Young Adult Unit's activities.

### Suggestions for Methods

Appoint a committee to plan and promote *Summer Schedule for Young Adults*. Its members might include persons who have more free time in summer than in other seasons.

Use leaders, including students, who are not able to serve regularly in other months.

Invite speakers and other guests, who do not spend the entire year in your region. The number will include those who visit their families in summer, or have cottages or summer homes nearby.

Plan for both Sunday and weekday events.

Announce and publicize Summer Schedule as far in advance as possible. Tell about the events already scheduled, indicating that the program is not complete and that other activities will be announced later. It isn't necessary to hold back on publicity until all plans are finalized.

Be ready to set up at least one Surprise Event. You might find, once the Schedule is in progress, that a famous musician visiting in your neighborhood could be secured for an informal concert. Or an organized summer camp in the area may have talent it could send to you for a summer-evening program.

Establish a Quick Communications Plan, or an Alert Team. One member will have the names and telephone numbers of four others who should be quickly reached for announcing your Surprise Event or for reminders of your most important activities on Summer Schedule.

### For Summer Sundays

*Bride-and-Groom Sunday.* Those honored will be all young adults who took their marriage vows since, say, January 1. The day's program could include: a conference for young couples, conducted by the minister or a qualified lay person, using such a subject as Opportunities and Duties of Young Couples or Building the Christian Home; a worship service for couples; a picnic supper at which the brides and bridegrooms will be guests (others will bring the food).

*College Students' Sunday.* Leadership for the event may be shared by students and college alumni now living or visiting in the neighborhood. Similar emphasis is suggested for other church services on that Sunday.

By BERT H. DAVIS

With Young Adults



## Summer STIMULATE Young Adult Activities

*Summer Conference Sunday, Civic Progress Sunday, Urban-Rural Visitation Sunday, Church Leaders' Sunday.* See page 10 of *The World*, June-July, 1956.

### For Summer Weekdays

Guided tours to points of interest. If possible, meet at the church and following the tour, return to the church for a social half-hour and a closing period of worship.

Outdoor dramas and musical events.

Picnics at summer homes or at suitable recreation centers.

Swim and aquatic parties, athletics and group games programs, and programs emphasizing hobbies that have a summertime or outdoors character.

Crafts classes and exhibitions, held outdoors if possible.

Service project programs, such as a picnic for children from congested areas and/or for "fresh-air" children vacationing in your neighborhood.

Membership mobilization, to take the form of a social event followed by a period of worship, to which members will invite

guests who might be interested in joining your unit.

One picnic or other social event at which young adults will entertain either other members or the children of the host church.

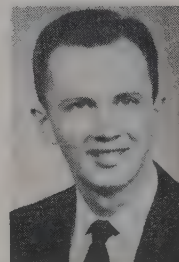
Fellowship events for the young adults of your denomination in the area or for young adults of a neighbor church at several churches.

**T**O summarize: Make this God's summertime, in which loyalties will be affirmed and energies will be applied to advance the Christian cause. To quote from this page of a year ago, "For a year or two when we schedule big events in the weather weeks, we'll be flying in the face of a tradition—but one of only a generation or two—that summertime is supposed to be a low point in the life of service of the churches." But Summer Schedule will stimulate Christian work, we put real strength, good leadership and true devotion into it. Your young adults and their friends are waiting for this challenge—from you!

## Writers of Topic Treatments for THE WORLD



Dr. R. W. Rash



Rev. Darrell Franken



Rev. Elwood Dunn

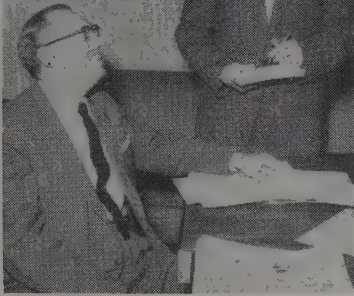
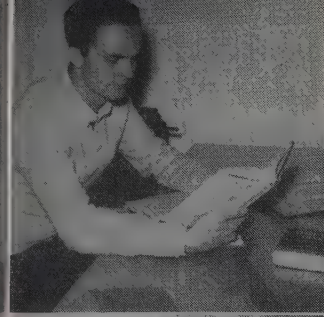
Beginning with this issue of *THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD*, new writers of the weekly topic treatments will be introduced from time to time. Dr. Raymond M. Veh, editor of the Evangelical United Brethren youth paper *BUILDERS*, and Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart, pastor of the Evangelical Congregational Church of Easton, Pennsylvania, will continue to prepare topic material but will be joined by a number of other writers.

Dr. R. W. Rash, general secretary of the Department of Christian Education of the United Brethren in Christ Church, has prepared the units on "Loyalty to My Church" for the first three Sundays in August for Senior-Young People. Rev. Elwood Dunn, vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Great Lakes Region and Topics Committee chairman, has prepared a similar series for the Intermediate (Junior High) age group. Rev. Darrell Franken, general secretary of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union, is the writer of the Senior Young People's topic material for August 25 on "These Embers Shall Not Die."

It will be noted that there have been some additions and changes in the method of treating the topics. This has been done to provide more help to the leader of the meeting. Suggestions and constructive criticism are always welcomed by the editor of *THE WORLD*.



# How Christian Endeavor Topics Are Selected



**ADVANCE PLANNING**—Vernon Hoffman (top), chairman of the Youth Assembly and member of the Topics Committee, works on his pre-meeting assignments. Rev. Elwood Dunn, chairman of the Topics Committee, outlines plans with Robert C. Ross, educational secretary of the International Society, in preparation for the meeting of the full committee at Christian Endeavor Headquarters May 1 and 2.



**COMMITTEE WELCOMED**—Robert C. Ross (right) greets Rev. Andrew White, new member of the Topics Committee, and Clyde Sherk in foyer at headquarters. Mr. White is editor-in-chief of the Division of Christian Education of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Sherk is from Port Colborne, Ontario, and is second vice-president of the Ontario Union.



**COMMITTEE AT WORK**—After meeting together to make general plans the group divides into two sections to work on specific topics for 1959. In the upper photo the Intermediate (Junior High) topics are discussed by (left to right) Rev. Brenton J. K. Arthur, Vernon Hoffman, Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart, and Clyde Sherk. The lower photo shows (left to right) Rev. Elwood Dunn, Rev. Andrew White, and Rev. Wallace Hastings at work on the Senior-Young People's topics. After section meetings the entire committee makes final decisions on the topics and assigns annotations to be completed later at home.

**WRITERS MEET EDITOR**—Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart (left) and Rev. Elwood Dunn discuss topic treatments for *THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD* with the editor, Phyllis Rike.



**TOPICS FOR JUNIORS**—The 1959 topics were selected recently by members of the Junior Work Committee. Etta Berger (left) and Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, Sr., (right) work with Nellie V. Griffin, chairman, and Robert C. Ross to choose Junior topics.





# "The Heavens Declare . . ."

No. 1 in a Series: "Appreciating God's Gifts"

Psalms 19

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JULY

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

## Considerations for the Leader

July is the month for outdoor services. If your church or parish house has a large lawn it would serve as an ideal place to conduct your July meetings. If you do not care to use chairs, the lawn could be covered with blankets in such a way that seating would be comfortable for all. Our topics for the month will deal with the great outdoors. Perhaps there is a church within your community where there is no youth work during the summer. Why not extend a special invitation to the young people to share in your Christian Endeavor meeting? Inform your publicity committee about this possibility so the proper promotion is carried on.

If you do not desire to take hymn books to the meeting, you could arrange to have all the hymns mimeographed. If it would be impossible to have electric lights for the meeting, have each member bring a search light. This will add interest to the meeting.

You could arrange to show pictures outdoors. Secure a screen and a slide or film projector and connect with the church or parish house or the parsonage. Show some of the great nature pictures. Make this meeting one of exciting interest since it deals with the heavens.

## Publicity

Your publicity committee could make a large poster covered with stars, the sun, flowers, and vegetables. Promote the entire month of topics. Use the unit head, "Appreciating God's Gifts." Present each Sunday topic with place of meeting and leader.

A direct mailing plan promoting the outdoor services will add value to the monthly plan. Announce certain nights when specials will be a part of the program. A drop of ink will make a million people think.

## Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service  
 Accordion Prelude  
 Hymn 41, *Fairest Lord Jesus*  
 Familiar Choruses  
 Scripture (assigned): Psalm 19  
 Prayer Hymn 89, *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*  
 Purposeful Prayers  
 Offering and Announcements  
 Special Music  
 Leader's Talk  
 Speakers 1, 2, and 3  
 The Aim and Life Problem  
 Discussion and Questions  
 Hymn 80, *Follow, I Will Follow Thee*  
 Benediction and Fellowship Circle

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from YOUTH HYMNS, published by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

## PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. On the first day of creation God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Yet the sun and the moon did not appear as lights until the fourth day of creation. How do you account for such a statement? Is it not true that our lamps are not lights until they are lighted?

2. The sun will continue to illumine the earth, no matter how many wonder at the mysteries connected with it. Do you think the Bible will finally triumph over all its foes? Will it survive the violent and repeated attacks of all its enemies?

3. What do you think of the sun standing still at the command of Joshua? Why does God not stop the earth and the moon, to teach the world a lesson which should reach down to all coming generations of men? How do you think the enemies of Israel reacted when they saw the sun stand still?

4. Since the Gospel is a light, how many dark corners have we taken it to since we became Christians?

5. How can we as Christian Endeavor members keep this Gospel light shining effectively in our communities?

## Preparation for the Leader

This month unfolds an exciting unit under the caption, "Appreciating God's Gifts." Our topic for analysis is, "The Heavens Declare . . ." After careful consideration of the sustaining beauty about us, around us and above us, we shall come to understand God as a God of design, power and love. We ought to know that all we see in God's glorious creation is possible because of God's great and enduring love for the sons and daughters of humanity. When we look above us we have a multitude of reasons why we should be grateful. What we see about us has a way of its own of reminding us of the faithfulness of God. What we see around us, all the beauties of nature, reminds us that God is the giver of every good and perfect gift. His handiwork is evident wherever we direct our attention.

Increasing numbers of people are turning to the planetariums in various parts of the world. A planetarium consists of a circular room in the center of which is an optical projector which reproduces overhead the starry skies, as seen from any part of the earth at any time. So perfectly is this portrayed that one has the feeling of look-

ing into the true heavens. Here one can see the celestial host in its daily journey across the sky.

## First Speaker

David said, "The heavens declare the glory of God." Nothing seems so remote from us or gives such an idea of vastness as the dome of heaven. Climb we ever high on the mountain top, the stars are still above us. Pierce we ever so far with the telescope, beyond its utmost range searches the same ever-receding vault. Nothing seems to be as much beyond human control or modification as the sun and stars of heaven. Yet it is our God who created all these, who bringeth out the host by number, who calleth them all by name, by the greatness of His might and because He is strong in power.

## Second Speaker

Note in the 19th Psalm how David begins with the stars and ends with the law. It reveals two messages, the heavenly message in the stars, "Night unto night sheweth knowledge," and the earthly message in "The law of the Lord." It would be interesting to read the following verses: Isaiah 13:9, 10; Ezekiel 32:7, 8; Joel 2:30, 31; Matthew 24:29; Luke 21:25, 26; and Revelation 6:12, 13. Here you will discover that in every great major reference to future conditions or events on earth, a reference to the state and conditions of the heavens precedes or follows the description of the event to affect the earth.

## Third Speaker

The "Dark Day" of May 19, 1780, and "the falling of the stars" on November 13, 1833, created a sensational celestial attraction but they did not constitute the fulfillment of any Biblical prophecy. However, if the unusual meteorite shower had not ceased when it did it would have caused the destruction of the United States of America and regions round about. Surely the heavens declare the glory of God.

## Leader's Climax

If we as members of Christian Endeavor strive to win souls for Jesus Christ, then we shall shine as the stars in heaven.

## Our Aim

To encourage others to hold fast to God who can do the impossible.

## Life Problem

John wants to hitch his wagon to a star but he feels the climb upward is too rugged. Should he give up dreaming about it, or should he discover for himself that there is a possibility to reach one of the tops through hard work and thorough application?

## Presentation of the Project

This would be an ideal time to have a doggie roast and invite all members and prospects and any others for this time of fellowship. Have your program for the coming months ready so you can present it.

## Daily Readings

M., July 1. Source of Wonder. Psalm 8:3-6.  
 T., July 2. Illustrates God's Mercy. Psalm 103:10-12.  
 W., July 3. The Moon for Seasons. Psalm 104:19.  
 T., July 4. A Cloud as a Promise. I Kings 18:41-45.  
 F., July 5. Stars Illustrate God's Promise. Genesis 15:1-7.  
 S., July 6. The Guiding Star. Matthew 2:1-9.  
 Sun., July 7. Topic—"The Heavens Declare . . ." Psalm 19.



# "The Heavens Declare . . ."

No. 1 in a Series: "Appreciating God's Gifts"

Psaln 19



Intermediate (12-14 Years) (12-14 Years)

JULY 7

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## OUR AIMS

1. To see how God demonstrates His marvelous handiwork.
2. To study the untold mystery and the purposeful design of the heavens above.
3. To enjoy an outdoor Christian Endeavor meeting.

## Plan for Observing the Skies

One of the most wonderful times to observe the beauty of the skies is on a summer night when the skies are sprinkled with the starry hosts." Before you have your program announce the purpose of this meeting—to see anew the beauty of the heavens. Explain that often we go around with our heads down, forgetting to look up and receive the silent beauty that God has given. For this meeting plan a hayride if you can, preferably with enough hay that you can lie back and really observe the heavens. You can't plan that, make it a hike ending at a convenient hillside and take in the beauty of the heavens. If there is someone in your community who knows a good bit about astronomy, invite him to join your group. As you ride along, or lie on your backs, let him talk about the vastness and wonder of the universe. If you don't have someone who is an authority in astronomy, perhaps one or more of your group would like to find out something about astronomy to share with the others.

## Worship

Psalm Music

All to Worship: "Unto Thee do I lift up mine eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens"

Hymn 98, *Day Is Dying in the West*

Singer (closing with a period of silent meditation, ended by singing together softly the refrain of the hymn *Day Is Dying in the West*)

Hymn 6, *This Is My Father's World* (sung in unison or as a special number)

Reader:

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works,  
In wisdom hast Thou made them all;  
Thy loving kindness is in the heaven,  
Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the skies,  
Thy righteousness is like the great mountains.

Earth is crowned with heaven

And every common bush aflame with God;  
O Lord, how manifold are Thy works,  
In wisdom hast Thou made them all."

Several members, of course, will be asked to find out exactly what the psalmists had to say about nature. Remind them that the psalmists were not attempting to explain nature in detail but rather to interpret it, to express a point of view about it. The psalmists were essentially poets and the privilege of the poet is not the cataloguing of facts but rather the expression of the meaning of life which underlies all facts. Psalm 19 may be read effectively.

## Lessons from the Heavens

*Lessons from the Sun.* Mal. 4:2. The dominating object in the outdoor world is the sun. In its unfading splendor, in its

unwearied, unfailing reappearance morning after morning, year after year, it speaks of endless duration. To Matthew the sun is the evidence of the benign care of God for all mankind. To Malachi the sun is a symbol of righteousness, which is at once an attribute of God and His demand of His followers. In the song of the pilgrims climbing the Judean hills, Jehovah is a friendly shade and the sun's powerful rays are something to be dreaded.

*Lessons from the Clouds.* Ex. 24:15-18. The intangible clouds, with their swift approach and sudden disappearance and wonderful changes, suggest things immaterial and mysterious. To the Hebrews they spoke of the spiritual God. Behind the cloudy curtains Jehovah was to be found, for they were the chariots on which He moved across the heavens (Ps. 104:3). The Son of Man disappeared into the cloud, and so shall He return.

*Lessons from the Stars.* Job 38:7. Job sees in the harmony of the stars the general harmony of the universe. John speaks of the "bright and morning star" referring to Christ in His subordinate or mediatorial character. As such Christ may be likened to a star; because the rays of the eternal Sun are thrown upon Him; because He reflects the light which He received from the Father; because He has ushered in the dawn of a new day.

*Lessons from the Thunder, Lightning, Rain.* Ps. 29:3-7; Job 37:2-5; Ps. 72:6. In the thunder the Hebrews heard the voice of God; in the lightning they saw God's presence. These manifested the terrifying side of Jehovah's approach to man, but the rain spoke of the kindly, gracious ministrations of God to man.

*Lessons from the Rainbow.* Ezek. 1:28; Rev. 4:3. The rainbow was a sign that there would not be another flood (Gen. 9:8). God gave the promise of protection to man, of which the bow is the everlasting token. The rainbow can never appear, except when there is sunshine as well as rain. The rainbow is connected with the most splendid representations of the divine glory. The seven prismatic colors of the rainbow are often linked to the harmony of the

divine perfections in the economy of grace. The rainbow appears to unite heaven and earth together.

## Meditation on These Lessons

Perhaps the heavens are the most variable and yet the most eternal aspect of nature. There are times when skies are matted with clouds, when they are scattered with sparkling stars, or radiantly blue. And yet with all their variety the skies are eternal, everlasting, and as sure as anything we know. Perhaps when we consider the heavens we can think of the love of God as being like the heavens. It too is so great that there are many different ways in which we see His love, and it too is eternal and everlasting, and is just as much a part of God's gift to one of His children as to another. When we behold the heavens, we can relax and get the true feeling that the heavens will give us if we are still long enough.

Do we not feel a sense of awe, and yet a sense of deep peace? Do we not feel a desire to praise God? So let us be still and consider the heavens and let the beauty of them soak into our beings.

## Look at the Stars

If someone has a microscope let the group, one by one, look at the stars.

1. Distance to the moon is 239,000 miles, to Mars 35,000,000, to the sun 93,000,000 miles, and to the nearest star (Proxima) 25,300,000,000,000 miles.

2. Light traveling at 186,000 miles per second takes nearly 8½ minutes to reach the earth from the sun and 4 years and 3 months to come from Proxima, the nearest star.

3. If you tried to make a model of the universe, you would find it impossible. For instance, if you made the earth one one-hundredth of an inch in diameter (about the size of the point of a pin) you would have to make the moon one four-hundredth of an inch in diameter (a mere speck) and place it twenty-five feet away. The sun, in the same proportion, would have to be placed nearly two miles away. The nearest star, Proxima, would be a ball eighteen inches in diameter but would have to be set one million miles away! Too much to comprehend!

4. If the earth were placed inside the sun, there would still be ample room inside for the moon to spin around the earth at its usual distance away.

Let the group discuss the meaning of these facts for us.

The Leisure League of America (30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City) gets out an interesting book on astronomy for twenty-five cents, *Discover the Stars* by Caylord Johnson.

## Poster

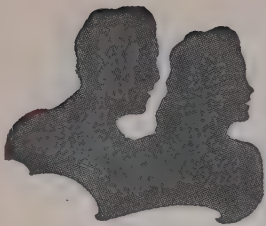
At Woolworth's buy silver stars 1½" in size. Paste these on blue construction paper. Over and around the stars announce the type of meeting (hayride, hike, etc.), time, and other necessary details.

## Messages from the Bible

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|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| M., July 1.   | Source of Wonder.                 | Psalm 8:3-6.      |
| T., July 2.   | Illustrates God's Mercy.          | Psalm 103:10-12.  |
| W., July 3.   | The Moon for Seasons.             | Psalm 104:19.     |
| T., July 4.   | A Cloud as a Promise.             | I Kings 18:41-45. |
| F., July 5.   | Stars Illustrate God's Promise.   | Genesis 15:1-7.   |
| S., July 6.   | The Guiding Star.                 | Matthew 2:1-9.    |
| Sun., July 7. | Topic—"The Heavens Declare . . ." | Psalm 19.         |

Intermediate and Senior-Young People's topics for July and August are similar. This provides a wealth of material for the leader. Better meetings during these months will help combat "summer slump."





# "Consider the Lilies . . ."

No. 2 in a Series: "Appreciating God's Gifts"

Matthew 6:28,29; Psalm 104:5-24

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JULY

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

## Considerations for the Leader

Our topic centers around the beauty of God's creative handiwork. This old creation with its manifold works of God is trying to say something to every listening ear. It is trying to say, "Look around and see for yourself God's wisdom, power and loving care."

July evenings are long and warm. Thus a service planned for the outdoors will carry a very strong appeal. Be sure the lighting arrangement is completed before the time of the service. If you have a table to hold the offering plates place a vase of flowers upon it. Be sure that song books are available.

This is also vacation time and camp time as well as travel time for many people. You will have to work hard in all your promotion in order to have a good turn-out. Invite other church youth groups to participate, especially if they have no scheduled meeting. As the leader, let no stone be unturned to plan and have the best meeting possible. You can do it!

## Publicity

Your publicity committee should promote this meeting through: 1. *Posters*. Cut out pictures from magazines showing floral displays and use these cut-outs in posters. 2. *Form letters to all young people*. Enclose a small leaf of a flowering plant. Stress the meeting and the topic. State the time and place as well as the leader. A good program and plenty of publicity will assure results.

## Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service (outdoors)  
Poem (something dealing with creation)  
Hymn 98, *Day Is Dying in the West*  
Scripture: Selection 2  
Purposeful Prayers (pray for leaders, officers, members, pastor, etc.)  
Announcements and Offering  
Special Music (accordion or trumpet duet)  
Leader's Talk  
Speakers 1, 2, and 3  
Our Aim and Life Problem  
Questions and Discussion  
Hymn 65, *Are Ye Able, Said the Master*  
Benediction

## Preparation for the Leader

Our second topic in the exciting unit, "Appreciating God's Gifts," gives us a picture of rare, rich beauty. Our topic for consideration is, "Consider the Lilies." The purpose of this topic is to elevate our appreciation of the beauties of the earth.

God has filled the great outdoors full of His glory. The beautiful sunsets, the lovely flowers, the mountains, the rivers, the trees and all that our eyes behold speak to us of the glory of God. These are His handiwork.

For the cure of anxiety, Jesus spoke about the lilies of the field. He said we should consider them, we should watch them grow. They toil not neither do they spin, yet night and day they grow with a beauty which the most splendid monarch of the East never

## PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. Do we have an argument in Matthew 6:25-34 to be idle and refrain from work in order to put our complete trust in God?
2. Why did Jesus Christ want His disciples to consider the lilies of the field?
3. In the field of Christian Endeavor, will a society prosper, gain new members, and be its best if the members band together to do nothing else but trust God? Or should the members work along with God?
4. When we look out upon creation, see all the beauty, the strength of the trees, the mighty waters, what great lessons should reach our minds?
5. What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" (Matthew 6:25).

knew. But this beauty lasts only a short time. Soon it will fade, and the beautiful flower will be cut down and burned. When He thus clothes a lily, a flower soon to perish, will He be unmindful of His children? Shall they, dear to His heart and imbued with immortality, lack that which is proper for them, and shall they in vain trust God?

When God first made man He gave him dominion over all things, over the birds, over the fowls, and over the fishes; over every beast of the earth and over every living thing. Surely when we consider man, created in the image of God, we are all impressed with the fact that God holds him in high esteem and tender love.

If He feeds the fowls, will He not feed His saints? If He clothes the grass, will He not clothe His own? Great is God's faithfulness. It is fresh every morning and renewed every night. His eye never wearies with watching; His hand never wearies with leading; His heart never wearies with loving. We are the children of His constant care. His eye is on the sparrow and we know He cares for us.

## First Speaker

Our God is a working God. It is a lesson of wonder and delight to contemplate the works of God. How wonderful to know that lilies and roses and oaks all grow in obedience to the same laws, but each after its own pattern. The shape He gives to each creature is just that which is fitted for it; and the color with which He adorns it will never wash off. In His great workshop truth and beauty go together.

## Help from the Scripture

- M., July 8. Glories of Nature.  
Song of Solomon 2:11-13.  
T., July 9. A Fruitful Tree. Psalm 1:1-3.  
W., July 10. The Hills and God's Help. Psalm 121.  
T., July 11. Nature's Praise. Psalm 65:11-13.  
F., July 12. Nature Reveals God. Romans 1:19,20.  
S., July 13. The Master of the Sea. Matthew 8:23-27.  
Sun., July 14. Topic—"Consider the Lilies . . ." Matthew 6:28,29; Psalm 104:5-24.

## Second Speaker

All nature speaks to us of the power of God. William Jennings Bryan said; "I ate a piece of watermelon some years ago, and was struck with its beauty. I took some of the seeds, dried them, and weighed them. I found that it would require 5,000 seeds to weigh a pound, and yet of these seeds, placed in the ground warmed by the sun, and moistened by rain, takes off its coat and goes to work. It gathers from somewhere enough material to construct a number of melons which weigh 40 pounds each, or thereabout. ornaments the outside of its melons with a covering of green. Inside the green puts a little white, and within the white core of red, and all through the red scatters seed, each of which is capable of bringing many more watermelons. What mighty mind made this plan? He alone could make a watermelon seed."

## Third Speaker

A city missionary once visited a poor woman in an attic. The old woman lived scarcely enough to live on. The missionary noticed a strawberry plant growing on a window sill in a broken pot. He said, "Your plant is growing nicely. You will soon have strawberries on it." The poor woman said, "O Sir, it is not for the sake of the fruit I prize the plant. It is for the comfort which comes to me as I look at it. When I look at the plant living and growing I know that it can live only by the power of God, and that it can grow only because God is near. Every time I look at it it reminds me that God will be faithful in caring for me. It is only through His care that I live."

## Leader's Climax

How glad we are that God, who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the fowls of the air, also cares for us. He daily feeds from His storehouse and supplies our need.

## Our Aim

To trust in Christ with all our strength and be ready to serve without reservation the God whose handiwork we see in all nature.

## Life Problem

John was unemployed but seemed to have no desire to look for work. He said, "If God can clothe the fields and take care of lilies, He can take care of me." To look for work would indicate lack of faith in God's ability to provide for him. How right was John wrong or right?

## Presentation of the Project

This is a good time for the leaders and officers to get together and plan the work for the coming months, beginning in September. Set goals and try to reach them.

Have you ordered a copy of the 1957-58 Senior-Young People's edition of the Program Guide? Only 30¢ a copy from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.



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## Sources for Your Meeting

Scripture—Psalm 19:1-4, 6; selected portions from 65; 121; 148; 150; Matthew 5:33; Genesis 1; 8:22; Mark 4:28, 29; 38 (selected portions).

Hymns—25, *For the Beauty of the Earth*; 38, *All Creatures of Our God and King*; 127, *This Is My Father's World*; 127, *God Who Touchest Earth with Beauty*; 5, *Praise the Lord*.

Stories—*Three Days to See* (Helen Keller); *The Man Who Lived Forever*; appropriate biographical stories of such men as George Washington Carver, Pupin, Burbank; selected stories from Indian legends and from other cultures.

Books—*The Bible Story of Creation*, *Always There Is God*, Trent; *Basic Science Education Series* (Row-Peterson); *Golden Nature Guides*: Trees, Stars, Insects, Birds, Flowers.

## Make No Thought for the Morrow

Jesus raises the question, "Is not the Christian life a provident one?" The Christian should live in quiet confidence in God. His quiet dependence upon God is our happiness, usefulness, strength, and security. The secret of living the happy life is to take the work of the day and leave all that does not belong to it. Let the day's affairs fill the day's thoughts. Those disturbed about the morrow should remember:

1. There is a Divine providence who is interested in all His creatures.
2. Fretting does no good, but uses up the nerve force needlessly.
3. Fretting cultivates the habit of looking at the dark side of things.
4. The things we fear seldom happen.
5. The general course of nature is in man's favor.

## Consider the Lilies

Consider their growth; consider their beauty; consider their purity; consider their contentment; consider their humility; consider their usefulness; consider their morality. If God cares for these things, surely He will not fail in looking after us, who are by adoption through His Son so nearly related to Him, that He is our Heavenly Father.

In this lesson from nature we should magnify and adore the goodness of God, who as a Father provides for the maintenance of all His creatures. We should be filled with resignation and contentment, believing that God will never suffer us to want anything which is truly needful. Our needs are not all alike, but He deals with us as individuals and in the speciality and appropriateness of His Fatherly care we are assured of receiving that which is best for us.

## Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Religion should be our chief concern. It is the most profitable pursuit. It is man's first duty: first in priority of time, in ex-

## OUR AIMS

1. To heighten our appreciation of the beauties of the earth.
2. To see how God functions in nature.
3. To learn wisdom from God's creation.

## TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why should we study nature?
2. How does nature lead our thoughts to God?
3. What wonderful things in nature have impressed you? How?
4. What use did Jesus make of nature?
5. Are there sermons in stones and books in running brooks?

cellence of value, in diligence and consideration. If the Kingdom of God is not sought first, it will never be found at all. In this search, all other essential things will be added unto the searcher.

## "Sufficient Unto the Day"

We may consider a year as a desk containing three hundred and sixty-five letters addressed to us; one for every day, announcing its trials, and prescribing its employments, with an order to open daily no letter but the letter for the day. We may be strongly tempted to unseal, beforehand, some of the remainder. This, however, would serve only to embarrass us, while we would violate the rule which our Owner and Master has laid down for us.

## The Beauties of Nature

In nature everything is beautiful. There is no other white that compares with the whiteness of the snow. There is no blue so deep and marvelous as the blue of the sky. There is no crimson like the crimson of the sunset. Painters cannot portray nature. They try, but their best efforts only convince us how far short human art is of the divine.

God has made everything beautiful. Solomon said, "He hath made everything beautiful in its time." If it is not so it is because sin has marred it. Wherever on earth you find ugliness, filth, and hate, there you know man has been, for God has made everything beautiful. The inside of the flower which you cannot see is as lovely as that which your eyes rest upon. The more closely you examine a snowflake under the glass the more wonderful it is. It is this that led the world's greatest botanist to cry out, as he saw the flower that was revealed by his microscope. "I have seen the glory of God pass by."

## From the Book of Books

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|                | Song of Solomon 2:11-13.          |                                  |
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## Lessons We See in Nature

1. *Design.* Nature teaches the great lesson of perfect design. This design speaks of an intelligent first cause, the Creator of all things. The heavens and the earth declare the glory of God.

2. *Adaptation.* Adaptation signifies the fitness of one thing to another. It is the fitness of efficient causes to produce the intended result, of part to part in the structure of an organism, or of the whole organism to its purpose.

3. *Beauty.* Nature speaks of the beautiful. There is beauty everywhere. Man has created many things that are beautiful, but when we wish to see real beauty we must go to nature. God is the source of beauty, and He is exhaustless in resource.

4. *Growth.* Nature teaches us the lesson that growth is absolutely necessary to life. We, too, should grow in grace.

5. *Patience.* It takes time for the seed to sprout, and grow and bear fruit. But nature understands and therefore waits. We should be more patient in our waiting for the harvest time.

6. *Utility.* We find that all things in nature have their place. At times we think that some things are good for nothing; then a scientist discovers that the supposed worthless thing is of great value. We should find our place of usefulness in the world. We are known by our fruit.

7. *Contentment.* Nature seems to be contented with its lot. Everything seems to say, "Well, I am satisfied with my place in life." The bird does not wish to be a fish, and the tree has no desire to become a man. Let us not wish that we were somebody else, or had his blessings in life. Contentment is necessary to happiness.

## How Grow in Appreciation?

Consider the following points:

1. A person who looks through a microscope for the first time does not see what the scientist sees. He may not even see anything. It is only after he has learned how to look or to observe that he sees the strange small particles which are so powerful for good or harm. So with looking at nature in general: we have to learn how to look and find God. Worship is one way in which we should learn.

2. Some of us are so much absorbed in so many other things that we miss all of the sunsets and the flowers by the road. The person who drives a car sixty miles an hour doesn't see much of the beauty of the landscape. Most of us need two things: first, to slacken our speed; second, to take some time when we actually meditate on what God has to show us every day.

## For Your Poster

In one corner of a cardboard draw a bee buzzing. In the other corner draw a pussycat. At side of bee state "We'll all BEE"—at side of cat "PUR-R-R-rectly happy to see you in Christian Endeavor tonight."





# "Give Us This Day . . ."

No. 3 in a Series: "Appreciating God's Gifts"

Matthew 6:11,25,26,30-34

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JULY

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

## Consideration for the Leader

Our unit of study has to do with "Appreciating God's Gifts." This topic, "Give Us This Day," is the third in this special series. Perhaps you would find it interesting as the leader to make a brief study of the farm implements of twenty years ago in contrast with all that is modern today. You could touch on the great progress in soil conservation, scientific horticulture and all new methods in farming. Keep before your society that God created each seed and controls the elements that make possible its growth and production.

During the course of your reading of books, papers, and magazines, try to remember the topic under consideration and clip articles that may have a bearing upon it. Secure information in regard to the food situation in the various countries of the world where the population is tense.

Christian Endeavor is Christ-centered. Christianity must be practical. It does not minimize the social applications. We must manifest our loving concern for those who have not. We cannot be satisfied when we know there are those who do not have a sufficient amount of bread.

Perhaps you have a farmer in your congregation who would find great interest in discussing this topic with the members of your society.

## Publicity

Check magazines for colored pictures of the fruits of the field or loaves of bread, and use them on posters. Why not use a loaf of bread for your advertising in the church vestibule? Place around it all the facts you want the young people to know regarding the meeting. Stress the time, place, topic and leader.

## Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Call to Worship:

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts,  
Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts,  
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Meditation (quiet time for thoughts on God's goodness)

Hymn 41, *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Scripture: Matthew 6:11, 25, 26, 30-34

Hymn 69, *An Evening Prayer*

Prayer (voluntary sentence prayers)

Announcements and Offering

Leader's Talk

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Speakers

Our Aim and Life Problem

Discussion and Questions

Hymn 30, *Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name*

Benediction

## PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. Tell what you know about the method and machinery in farming today in contrast to years ago. Despite these rapid strides, is it not true that we are dependent upon God for our daily sustenance?

2. What is your own opinion as to why we are not admonished in this text to pray for tomorrow's bread? "Give us this day."

3. Would you consider it useless for a rich man to offer this prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread," and then refuse to act as a brother's part, withholding his loaf from such of his needy brothers as he can practically reach?

4. What suggestions could you offer to enable the world-wide Christian Endeavor movement to help those who stand in so much need? Keep in mind there are countless welfare organizations doing their part.

5. Do you think we have failed today in taking the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, to our neighbors, especially to the unsaved and unchurched? What can we do about it?

## Preparation for the Leader

It is a wonderful experience to trust your Heavenly Father. Animals are God's creatures; men are God's children. As the earthly father does not leave the wants and affairs of his children, their market and clothing and school and health and holiday expenses, to be regulated by machinery but exercises over them his personal vigilance and guardianship, so the heavenly Father does not leave the wants and affairs of His children to the blind operation of nature's laws and the inexorable consequences of fate, but He exercises over them a personal vigilance, protection and guidance.

The word "bread" here denotes everything necessary to sustain life. This petition implies our dependence on God for supplying our wants. As we are dependent on Him one day as much as another, it was evidently the intention of our Saviour that prayer should be offered every day.

Note that we ask for bread; not dainties, but that which is wholesome. It is OUR bread. This teaches honesty and industry. It is not the bread of deceit or the bread of idleness, but the bread honestly gotten. It

is our DAILY bread. Thus we are to depend upon Divine Providence, as those who live from hand to mouth. Remember, ask God to give it. This brings us into constant fellowship with God. As we do not maintain ourselves without food or raiment, neither can we without prayer and meditation.

Our Christian Endeavor societies have a tremendous obligation to share this life bread. There are souls that are famished. Their greatest need is the Bread of Life.

Here you have an utterance of felt need. "Give us." Here you have an acknowledgment of entire and constant dependence on God. Here you have a genuine trustfulness.

## First Speaker

Useless is it for you to talk of Heaven's Bread to a starving man who knows that you have earthly bread enough and to spare on your own table. First, bread for the body, then bread for the soul; this is a notable instance of the apostles' law of sequence, "That is not first which is spiritual but that which is natural, and afterward that which is spiritual."

## Second Speaker

Bread is the gift of our Heavenly Father. "Give us this day our daily bread," is the prayer for the millionaire as well as for the pauper. Tiny and simple as a kernel of wheat is, man, although skillful and strong enough to build empires, is not skillful enough to build a solitary wheaten kernel. Each kernel is the product of a gift of our Heavenly Father.

## Third Speaker

The best quality of wheat may be produced into the best quality of soil, and yet the soil may be no harvest. Moisture, heat, light, all these are indispensable to the sprouting, growing, and ripening of the wheat. But not one of them can man make; they are produced by God, the gift of our Heavenly Father.

## Our Aim

To realize in season and out of season that every hungry human is our responsibility, and that, since the Christian Endeavor movement is world-wide, we must have the world in our hearts.

## Life Problem

Phil was a hard-working man. He said he owed everything to the skill of his hands. His little girl asked him, "Daddy, why don't you thank God at each meal?" He replied, "I earned that bread and that's sufficient. Was Phil right?"

## Presentation of the Project

Plan now to do something for the undernourished in your congregation, if there is any to be found. Keep in mind Thanksgiving Day which is not too far away. It is not too soon to lay plans now.

## Daily Bible Lessons

- M., July 15. Food Provided in Creation. Genesis 1:29,30.
- T., July 16. Meat in Abundance. Job 36:26-31.
- W., July 17. "Chicken and Waffles" in the Wilderness. Exodus 16:11-15.
- T., July 18. The Widow's Cruse. I Kings 17:10-16.
- F., July 19. The Works of God. Psalm 104:13,14.
- S., July 20. Sharing with Others. Matthew 25:35,37,40.
- Sun., July 21. Topic—"Give Us This Day . . ."

Matthew 6:11,25,26,30-34.



# "Give Us This Day . . ."

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Matthew 6:11,25,26,30-34



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

JULY 21

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## Daily Bread Program

This program is based on the Scripture page. Songs, choruses, and other special features should highlight this theme. Centered on the platform is a model of a well. It should be large enough and deep enough to accommodate a small youngster without being seen from the audience as he is seated inside. Participants let down a "bucket" and the child places a card in it which is printed a Scripture to read, a brief talk to give, or the like. Those with parts in the program should be forewarned. At the close the child in the well should stand up and sing an appropriate hymn, such as "I Am Feeding on the Daily Bread."

## Must Earn Our Bread

For the most part we are bread-winners our life. Early in the morning we leave millions of homes—some palaces, some shacks—to hurry to the shops, stores, offices, and factories; in the evening we return tired and jaded but with the reward of our labor in our possession. Day in, day out we repeat this same routine in order that we may eat and have a shelter.

Or let us take a ride into the country. Under the broiling, blistering sun the farmers toil in the fields from sunrise to sunset to earn their daily bread for themselves and their families. Everywhere, in city, field and mine, men are busy earning their sustenance. If so much of our life, then, is spent in getting the necessities of life, it would indeed be strange if Jesus omitted any mention of it in the Sermon He taught His disciples.

What does this prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread," mean for us as Christians? What can we learn from it concerning our attitude toward material things, such as food, clothing and shelter? Let us ponder it.

## We Need for Bread

Daily bread is one of the very important needs of human beings. It is necessary for man's earthly existence. Neither body nor spirit can perform their work unless the person is in good physical health. Hungry and starving people are never at their best. For all living creatures our existence depends upon the nourishment we receive. Recently I noticed a house plant which looked sick and dying. I took it at once and potted it again, mixing the necessary plant food with the soil. The very next day it already showed improvement and was on the way to develop new growth. True, Jesus said, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God," but man does live by bread. Jesus in this statement did not mean to make light of the need for daily bread; He simply wished to show that man needs other things also.

Because the need for daily bread is so great, there is danger that we spend all our energy in quest of it and neglect the needs

- OUR AIMS**
1. To see our dependence upon God for daily sustenance.
  2. To note how God has created food for all men's needs.
  3. To bring proper thanks to God for His wise care of us.

- QUESTIONS**
1. What happens in nations where drought and deserts form?
  2. Why were the ancient Israelites dependent upon daily manna? Is our generation different in this regard?
  3. How can we express thanks to God for His goodness to us?
  4. Tell of experiments in your family with a variety of daily devotions.

of our spirit. The prayer we are studying suggests that we must keep things in proper balance, for a well-fed man with a starved soul is no better than a mere animal. All the other petitions in the Lord's Prayer deal with spiritual things, so that if we pray this prayer honestly and sincerely we shall keep all our needs in proper balance.

## Bread a Daily Need

Jesus further teaches us in this prayer that our need for bread is a daily need. Elsewhere Jesus teaches us the uselessness of worrying about the future. Each day's cares and needs are enough to tax our energies. We have only a given amount of energy. If we dissipate it all in our quest for the needs of the body, we have little left for the needs of the spirit. People who spend most of their waking hours heaping up wealth for the future have little time left for religion, for culture, for education, or for the enrichment of the spirit.

Jesus made it very clear that in a world governed by a loving God it is enough if we have our daily bread. If you doubt it, says Jesus, let the lilies of the field and the birds of the air convince you.

## This Bread Is Our Bread

Another important lesson taught us in this prayer is that the daily bread for which we pray is our bread. All of the Lord's Prayer is social; that is, it has to do with our relations to other people, and this petition for our daily bread is no exception. When we pray for our daily bread, we include the needs of our fellow men with ours. As Christians we cannot be content to live in comfort while millions of people, even in our land of plenty, are

living below a decent standard and other millions in dire poverty.

Professor Wilber Harr of the Evangelical Theological Seminary, formerly a missionary in Africa, tells of the poverty of the native people among whom he worked. Yet they have a sense of sharing their meager supplies. When they see a fat man, they say, "He eats his brother's food." Of how many well-fed, sleek, prosperous Americans it might be said, "They eat their brother's food." When we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," we must recognize our responsibility to see to it that our brothers are not deprived of their daily bread and to share with those who have little.

## Why Pray for Daily Bread?

If our Heavenly Father knows our needs, why pray for daily bread? There are several reasons. In the first place, this prayer reminds us constantly of our dependence on God. What we have, we have received from Him. The gold and silver are His, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. He is the giver of all good and perfect gifts, including our daily bread. With our best efforts we cannot produce a grain of wheat or an ear of corn, or the rich mineral resources in the depths of the earth. All of our marvelous substitutes can be produced only with the raw materials which God gives.

In the second place, we are reminded that we must do our share in obtaining our daily bread. When we pray, we place ourselves into fellowship with God. That is the chief function of prayer—to bring us into cooperation with God. We become co-workers with Him. The man who merely offers this prayer and then sits down and expects God to send him his daily bread will find his cupboard empty. God works and we must work.

Finally, Jesus taught us to pray for our daily bread because prayer develops in us a sense of gratitude and thankfulness for our blessings. A grateful person is a contented and cheerful person. It is easy to live with people who are grateful for the favors they receive. Greed and selfishness must depart when gratitude enters.

## Projects

1. Plan a project of sharing food with some family in need.
2. Can you send a CARE package to needy persons abroad?
3. Plan a "Basket Breakfast" as an outdoor summer event.

## For Your Poster

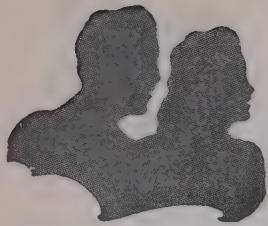
Draw or cut from a magazine a loaf of bread. Paste in center of your cardboard. Around the top and bottom print: "What would you do without it?" Then print "Talk it over at Christian Endeavor tonight."

Your society needs the 1957-58 Program Guide, Intermediate edition. Order from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Only 30¢ a copy.

## From the Bible

- M., July 15. Food Provided in Creation. Genesis 1:29,30.  
T., July 16. Meat in Abundance. Job 36:26-31.  
W., July 17. "Chicken and Waffles" in the Wilderness. Exodus 16:11-15.  
T., July 18. The Widow's Cruse. 1 Kings 17:10-16.  
F., July 19. The Works of God. Psalm 104:13,14.  
S., July 20. Sharing with Others. Matthew 25:35,37,40.  
Sun., July 21. Topic—"Give Us This Day . . ." Matthew 6:11,25,26,30-34.





# Proper Uses of God's Gifts

## No. 4 in a Series: "Appreciating God's Gifts"

James 1:17; Romans 14:15-18

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JULY

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

### Considerations for the Leader

As the leader of this meeting you are aware of the fact that any meeting in July needs a lot of careful promotion. This one is no exception. You must do your part. You will have to work hard to enlist the interest of all of the members of your society. Your society secretary should get busy with a direct mailing plan. Your publicity committee ought to provide special announcements for the church bulletin and for the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Perhaps you have a physician in your church who would be glad to come to speak about our modern drugs and all the fine advances in medical science.

Consult the superintendent of your missionary committee for any information that may be available on conditions in faraway countries. Try to discover what God is doing through medical missions. Tell the society what you think could be considered as some of the outstanding gifts of God which we should properly use.

### Publicity

Since the telephone is a remarkable gift and invention, have a telephone committee contact each Christian Endeavor member during the week. This should increase your attendance. Use every means of publicity you know to promote this meeting.

### Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Hymn 42, *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

Scripture Reading: James 1:17; Romans 14:15-18

Hymn 44, *Into My Heart* (prayer chorus)

Prayer (ask the chairmen of committees and the officers)

Announcements and Offering

Special Number (vocal or instrumental)

Leader's Message

Speakers 1, 2, and 3

Our Aim and Life Problem

Discussion and Questions

Hymn 63, *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

### Preparation for the Leader

This is the final topic in the unit, "Appreciating God's Gifts." Today we think of "Proper Uses of God's Gifts." We have had an array of wonderful topics. We have been made conscious of the fact that God cares for all of His children. We have discovered that He is the giver of every good and perfect gift. Now we shall be able to cultivate a deeper appreciation of God's gifts and be able to make proper use of them.

From the epistle of James we learn that God is the father and fountain of all good. It is not from the lowest but from the highest point that the best things in the world always come. We get from the sky, and not from the earth, all those gracious influences without which our world would be only a gigantic, lifeless cinder rolling

### PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. What would we consider to be some of the very special gifts that God gives to people?

2. If one is not given an opportunity to use his gifts within the church, are we wise in saying he is neglecting his gifts?

3. If we recognize our gifts as God-given, does this indicate that at no time are they to be used in a secular way, that is, outside of the church?

4. Do you think we are measuring up to our responsibility in sharing God's greatest gift, Jesus Christ?

5. What would you consider to be the proper use of God's gifts?

through space. Light and heat come down to us from above, and so does the sunshine that warms and quickens and beautifies everything, and the rain and the dew that refresh the face of nature.

The mountains, not the plains, are the sources of our greatest and most precious gifts. Were it not for the mountains there would be no streams to quench our thirst and water our fields, no winds to purify the air, no clouds to overshadow the earth in the heat of the day and to keep in the warmth from being diffused in space at night. Even in the natural world every good and perfect gift literally is from above. The things that make the world most beautiful and best fitted to be our abode come from the heights.

A gift is something that expresses the mind and betokens the love of the giver, and at the same time brings happiness to the receiver. Everything we have in the world, everything we touch or feel or see or hear, is a gift. A gift! We did not make it, we did not buy it, we did not deserve it. It is God who gives it. He gives it lovingly of His own free will and He gives it to make whoever receives it happier and better.

Here are a few observations:

*God is the Father of lights.* The visible light of the sun and the heavenly bodies is from Him. He said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Thus God is at once represented as the creator of the sun and in some respects compared to it.

*Every good gift is from Him.* We must own God as the author of all the powers and perfections that are in creation and the giver of all the benefits which we have in and by those powers and perfections; but

### Meditations

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James 1:17; Romans 14:15-18.

none of their darkness, their imperfect or their ill actions are to be charged to Father of lights; from Him proceeds everything that is good and perfect, both pertaining to this life and that which is to come.

### First Speaker

*Wisdom cometh from Him.* James makes it very clear that wisdom is obtained from God alone. Wisdom is far more than knowledge or understanding. We may have vast stores of information, we may even have high powers of mind, and after all little if any better than the merest simonians. There is a wisdom for us. James does not say, "Let him study, let him speculate, let him search human systems, let him ransack the recesses of his own being, let him cultivate and strain his intellectual powers to the utmost." Far simpler and more effective is the scriptural method, "Let him ask." That is all, only ask. We are to ask God for wisdom.

### Second Speaker

*The gift of reason.* Sir W. Drummond said, "He that will not reason is a big he that cannot reason is a fool; and he that does not reason is a slave." God, who has given the Bible, has also given us a reason with which to examine and understand it. We are guilty before Him if we bury this gift and fail to use it.

### Third Speaker

*God's unspeakable Gift.* Jesus Christ God's unspeakable Gift to our world. He grateful to God we should be for all that Jesus Christ has done for us. We have sinned and come short of the glory of God, trampled under foot the blood of the eternal covenant and spurned the matchless love of God, but He loved us with an overwhelming love. His love covers a multitude of sins. He has become our excellent Redeemer and has made atonement for all of our sins. He has now put our sins away never to remember them against us any more. Jesus Christ is God's unspeakable Gift.

### Our Aim

To seek the wisdom from above that we might better evaluate God's gifts and appreciate them.

### Life Problem

Helen was a remarkably gifted woman. She had a marvellous singing voice and fingers that could travel the piano keyboard with great speed and harmony. But she insisted in using her talents, her gifts, for the world. To avoid using them in the church she would make a charge when asked to sing or play. If God gave her these gifts what should she have done with both counts?



# Proper Uses of God's Gifts

No. 4 in a Series: "Appreciating God's Gifts"

James 1:17; Romans 14:15-18



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

JULY 28

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## God's Bounties

That is good proceeds from God. It is a truth that all the bounties of nature are free to all the children of men. God is not partial, nor a respecter of persons. The mountains and the valleys, the rivers and the lakes, the flowers and the birds, the sun and the stars, are for man's blessing and enjoyment. There is no man that is not perfectly happy if he chooses to be for his portion.

Whatever blessings we have received, they have come from God. He has given them to us for a purpose, not simply for our enjoyment. Because God has been generous to us, we should show a generous spirit to our fellows. Perhaps God has given more to us so that we could share with those who may be in need. God loves a cheerful giver, for he reveals a spirit that is not of this world.

The Master's principle is clearly stated in Matthew 23:23: "Give to him that asketh thee, and thou shalt have more than thou turn away." Jesus Christ manifests the spirit of supreme generosity, for He even gave His life to the place where He gave Himself ransom for a torn, bleeding, sin-scarred world. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

## Thank God for His Gifts

God has bestowed upon us great temporal blessings. As individuals and as a nation we have profound reasons to rejoice. We have our prosperity in the bursting barns, the heaping bank vaults, the roar of factories, the rumble of the trains and the chugging of the ships, the beasts of the field, the cattle upon the hills, the untold wealth of the mines, the wide-spreading forests, the fertile plains, and the heavenly orchards. These are all the gifts of God, and it is well for us to remember that all these bounties belong to Him. Too many of us are inclined to think that their own hands have gotten them this wealth. All things belong to God, and we are only stewards of the things we possess.

## Use Our Bodies for His Glory

God calls man's body a temple. It is a temple in which the Spirit of God can dwell; a temple in which God is worshiped and honored; a temple which attracts other people to God; a temple which shows the glory to God because it tells what God is like. It has never been shown that smoking is helpful to the human body. It has been infinitely shown that smoking harms the body in the following ways:

1. *Smoking shortens the wind.* It is for this reason that athletic coaches of all kinds forbid their athletes to smoke. Typical of temptations by coaches is that by Adolph Rupp of the champion University of Kentucky basketball team: "We do not have anyone on our team that smokes. Smoking is not of any benefit to a young boy.

### OUR AIMS

1. To know that every good gift comes from God.
2. To see how use of drugs or alcohol harms our body.
3. To learn how to glorify God and benefit mankind through wise use of God's gifts.

### QUESTIONS

1. What can you do personally to check the growing liquor evil?
2. What can your community do?
3. Are there places in your community selling liquor to minors?
4. What can Christian youth do to counteract some "soft drinks" that have alcoholic content?
5. Does your church have a program of temperance education? What can your Christian Endeavor do?

In fact, it is harmful. We do not believe that youngsters should smoke. I always tell my boys: 'Don't smoke—let your opponents do the smoking.'"

2. *Smoking is harmful to the voice.* A common disease among smokers is laryngotracheitis, or cigarette cough. Dr. Chevalier Jackson, eminent throat specialist, says that tobacco smoke is injurious to the larynx. This is true, he says, even if the person breathes the heavily-laden air of a room without actually smoking himself.

3. *Smoking causes certain diseases.* Among these are leukoplakia, a disease of the mouth. Cancer of the mouth is definitely related to smoking. Dr. Edwin J. Grace believes that many cases of lung cancer are due to heavy smoking.

4. *Smoking is habit-forming.* Tobacco is habit-forming because of its content of nicotine and related alkaloids. John Tebbel says: "No more convincing demonstration of the hold the habit has on its addicts could be found than in the postwar cigarette shortage in England, where the queues started eight hours ahead of time to get the limited amount permitted, and where the habitues of cheap cafes took the stubs and made them over into new smokes."

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, our World's Christian Endeavor Union president, says: "I could not justify smoking for myself as a Christian, but this is a matter for personal decision. 'Whatever He saith unto you, do it,' is still sound instruction for each of us. Some of the finest Christians I have ever known have used tobacco. I think they would have been even finer had they

### Scripture Portions

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not used it. Right now appalling increases in the use of tobacco among young people, and among women and girls, challenge every Christian to face this issue squarely."

To discuss this subject further, you might show the filmstrip: "Smoking's Something to Think About"—50 frames; black and white, price \$3.00. Or use a panel discussion.

Select a representative panel consisting of the Christian Endeavor counselor, a man teacher, a woman teacher, two girls, and two boys to discuss the following questions:

1. Why do people smoke?
2. How do smokers violate the rights of others?
3. What is the largest single fire cause?
4. Why has smoking become such a fire hazard?
5. How are careless smokers an enemy of conservation?
6. What can be done to reduce the thoughtlessness of smokers?
7. Suggest a code of courtesy for smokers.

## Alcohol: Enemy of the Good Life

The problem of alcohol is upon youth today. It is an enemy of health. It degrades character, benumbs the finer sensibilities of the soul, and by removing inhibitions releases the baser instincts and desires. Alcohol encourages and supports criminals. Drink is the enemy of education.

Every young person should make a study of alcohol. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." If the truth about beverage alcohol became general knowledge, most of the liquor problems would be solved. An informed person is less apt to start drinking, and is less likely to become a hopeless wreck should he start.

Every young person should look to the future and ask himself the question, "How will alcohol influence my life? Can I afford the risks involved in drinking?" Surely the sane person would reach only one conclusion, namely, "I can't afford to drink." This should lead to a definite promise to God, a dedication of one's talents to all that is fine and good in life. This decision will bring no regrets.

## The Spirit of Unselfishness

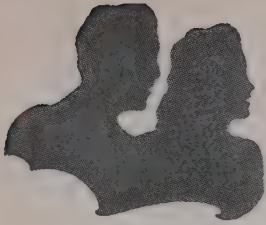
Unselfishness, cooperation, and kindness will make both you and others happy. These are good mental health habits. They can be practiced daily by everyone. Check on yourself. See whether or not you are following good mental health rules, and don't forget that if you want to have a healthy mind you must learn to help others.

## For Your Poster

It is easy to draw the eyes, forehead, and nose of a face in round fashion over a straight line. Over the face place these words: "Hey! Look!" Under the face and line place these words:

"Could someone be 'peeking' to see if you are using wisely God's gifts to you?"





# Keeping My Christian Promises

No. 1 in a Series: "Loyalty to My Church"

I Corinthians 15:58; Deuteronomy 4:1-10

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

AUGUST

Comments by Robert W. Rash

## Promoting the Meeting

Since this topic and the following two are built around church loyalty make extra use of the church bulletin for publicity purposes. Challenge your pastor to give you top support by making unusual announcements of Christian Endeavor and its relationship to the local church.

## Suggested Program Outline

Prelude: Hymn 21, *Faith of Our Fathers*

Hymn 125, *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Scripture: Romans 12

Hymn 64, *Jesus Calls Us*

Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Gospel Song 124, *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

Presentation and Discussion of the Topic  
Life Problem Discussion

Gospel Song 119, *Where He Leads Me*

Consecration Roll Call (Have the pastor review the promises made in uniting with the church, giving opportunity for Endeavorers to recommit themselves to these promises)

Consecration Hymn 104, *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Benediction

## Helps for the Leader

The leader should familiarize himself with such items as the Christian Endeavor Covenant or Pledge; the folders entitled *What Is Christian Endeavor?* *What Is the Quiet Hour?* and *What Is the Tenth Legion?*; *Christian Endeavor Essentials*, chapters 4 and 5; and *What Christian Endeavor Believes*, chapter 4.

## A Life Problem

Dale Thornburg, a senior in high school, has been a faithful and loyal member of his Christian Endeavor society and local church. Some of his friends, who are not members of Christian Endeavor, think Dale should not be tied down to regular attendance of Christian Endeavor meetings and church services. They tell Dale he should have his Sunday evenings free during August for vacation or for visiting other youth groups. What would be your advice to Dale? How can Christian Endeavor support Dale in his idea of loyalty? How should we view this problem in the light of the promises we made to our Christian Endeavor society and our local church?

## Introducing the Topic

All members of the church, whether through profession of faith, confirmation, or baptism, assent to a creed or statement of faith. They also make promises concerning the various phases of Christian living. After becoming church members they continue to make promises. Some promises are written, such as signing the Christian Endeavor Pledge or a Sunday school teacher's covenant. Other promises are made before a group of people by word of mouth or silently before the Lord. The purpose of

## AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To see the importance of keeping Christian promises.
2. To build steadfastness into character.
3. To show that the reward is to those who obey.

## BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How does the relation between Christian Endeavor and the church form a good basis for loyalty?
2. What promises do we make when we sign the Christian Endeavor Pledge?
3. How does Christian Endeavor help us to be loyal to our promises?
4. Enumerate and discuss the rewards for keeping promises.

this topic is to help Christian Endeavorers see the importance of taking their Christian promises seriously. The keeping of such promises can only be accomplished by "trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength." Those who keep their promises become loyal church members and grow to spiritual adulthood.

## Christian Endeavor and the Local Church

Christian Endeavor belongs to the local church which determines its theology, program, activities, and relationships. Therefore it is important that we sincerely keep our promises to the church. Loyalty to the church and its program includes attendance at and participation in the Christian Endeavor meetings and attendance and support of the church in its Sunday, mid-week, and other scheduled services. Christian Endeavor is, a very important part of the total Christian education program of the church. Your loyalty in support of your society's program will strengthen both your own life and that of the local society and church.

## Analysis of the Pledge

The whole basis for making promises by signing the Christian Endeavor Pledge is its opening statement, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him . . ." Such trusting means utter reliance upon the Lord (Proverbs 3:5). Relying on the Lord I make the several important promises. I promise to make every effort to do His will, to pray and read my Bible regularly, to work and worship in my church, to participate in the Christian Endeavor meetings and activities, to try to

win someone to Jesus, to be a good steward of my money, to be interested in country, to promote Christian brotherhood and to seek divine guidance. Use pledge for exact wording.

## Christian Endeavor—An Effective Agency

Christian Endeavor helps young people to strive to do the Lord's will by encouraging them to participate in the meetings and activities of the society and church.

Christian Endeavor enrolls young people as Comrades of the Quiet Hour, thus helping them to set aside at least fifteen minutes per day for Bible reading, prayer, and meditation. It enrolls them in the Tenth Legion to give them a proper perspective for Christian stewardship. It helps them to set aside, for Christian purposes, the portion of their money rightfully belongs to God. It also invests in proper Christian investment.

Christian Endeavor encourages evangelistic and missionary efforts by providing such literature as *Taking Others Along* and *How to Win Youth*. It provides for adequate membership which opens the way for the active members to win the associates to Christ and then into the active membership of the society and the church.

## Rewards for Keeping Promises

Certainly there are rewards for the Christian young person who commits himself to Christ, Christian Endeavor, and the church and remains loyal to his promises.

The peace of mind that comes from keeping one's promises is no small reward. Peace of mind is the freedom expressed in Romans 8:1.

A Christian character is a possession that cannot be bought with money but can be obtained by making the right promises and being loyal to them. A good name is chosen above other things of value (Proverbs 22:1).

The influence which results from keeping one's promises can hardly be measured. Such a person the banker is ready to loan money. The merchant considers the credit of such a person good. The church depends greatly upon those who keep their promises. Others are affected by what we are and what we say and what we do (Ruth 1:16,17; Acts 5:15).

The great reward to the loyal Christian is a name written in God's record (Revelation 21:27), a Christian citizenship with others (Ephesians 2:19), the privilege of being an heir of God (Romans 8:16,17) and a heavenly home (Revelation 21:3).

## Things to Do

1. Name at least five Bible characters who made promises and kept them, evaluating the benefits derived from keeping such promises.

2. Memorize I Corinthians 15:58 as a Bible gem on loyalty.

## Daily Readings

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| M., July 29.  | Rooted and Established.                  |                         |
| T., July 30.  | Danger in Neglect of Promises.           | Colossians 2:6,7.       |
| W., July 31.  | The Call Back.                           | II Peter 2:20,21.       |
| T., Aug. 1.   | Reward for Steadfastness.                | Malachi 3:7-18.         |
| F., Aug. 2.   | Hold On.                                 | Revelation 2:10b,26-28. |
| S., Aug. 3.   | God's Mercy Promised.                    | Hebrews 10:35-38.       |
| Sun., Aug. 4. | Topic—Keeping My Christian Promises.     | Psalms 103:17,18.       |
|               | I Corinthians 15:58; Deuteronomy 4:1-10. |                         |



# Keeping My Christian Promises

No. 2 in a Series: "Loyalty to My Church"

I Corinthians 15:58; Deuteronomy 4:1-10



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

AUGUST 4

## Comments by Elwood Dunn

### Suggestions for Songs

Hymn 104, *O Jesus, I Have Promised*; *Take My Life and Let It Be*; 65, *Are You Able, Said the Master*; 75, *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*; 40, *Living for Jesus*.

### Suggestions to the Leader

Start preparing well in advance. Collect the material for the talks on types of promises. Get a blank check and a promise note from a bank; a train, bus, or air schedule; a large advertisement from a newspaper; and a copy of the Mayflower Compact from any standard United States history book. Ask several others to help present this material.

Go over the suggested life situations in the discussion section of the lesson and prepare to lead the group in talking them over.

### Many Kinds of Promises

In the early part of the 17th century there was a small ship loaded with harassed people seeking refuge in a new land. The seas and uncertainties of traveling to an unknown shore on a wee boat like the Mayflower produced differences of opinion that threatened the peace and welfare of these early settlers. To heal the breach and to prevent further difficulties they made certain promises to each other and wrote them in a very important document called the Mayflower Compact. By this solemn agreement they bound themselves together in a "civil body politic" to make "just and equal laws" for the government of the colony. They then promised to obey such laws when they were passed. This was the earliest promise that the settlers of the United States made to each other. They regarded the promises as sacred and risked life and limb to keep their commitments.

Promises range all the way from the signing of such papers to a simple verbal "I see you." Promises take various forms. There is a transportation schedule from an airline. This is a promise to operate on such times as are noted in the schedule. An airplane is to leave New York at 3:30 in the afternoon and will arrive in Miami, Florida, at 7:00 in the evening. The fact that it is printed over the company's name their promise to do all humanly possible to start when they say and arrive on time. Here is a check (display blank check) which bears the name of a certain bank and when properly made out and signed can be changed for cash. This is a promise that the individual who signs the check has sufficient funds in the bank to cover the amount written on the face of it. Here is a note which says "I promise to pay" to a certain person or company the sum of money named on the face of the note. It actually uses the word "promise" (the note).

(Use the newspaper advertisement in the same way, showing that it, too, is a form of promise.)

### Christian Promises

These are important promises and are to be kept. Anyone becoming a Christian has made some promises that are even more important. He has promised to take Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. The word "lord" goes back in English to the lord of the manor. He had land and people under his control and was responsible for meeting the needs of all his people. In return they served the lord, worked for him, fought for him, and often gave their lives to protect his interests. Accepting Christ as Lord is making promises of allegiance to serve, live for, and even die for Him if need be.

Acceptance of Christ as Saviour means that we promise to keep our part of such an agreement. As His followers we obey His will, serve Him in the world, support His church, and live the kind of a life He wants from us. The third chapter of Acts records the miracle performed by Peter of making the lame man walk. The Jewish rulers were angry and had Peter and John arrested. Then the rulers threatened Peter and John, warning that they should teach no more in the name of Jesus. Peter told them to judge whether they should obey God or man. Then he declared, "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." These men had promised to follow Jesus and when the test came they were keeping their promises.

### The Pledge

The Christian Endeavor Pledge is a promise to Jesus. It is not a promise to parents or leaders or Sunday school teachers, it is to Jesus. "I promise Him" are the words. There are some specific promises in the pledge. First of all is the pledge to trust Jesus. We may not always understand exactly why some things are and we would like to change them, but we have agreed to trust Him. In the light of this trust the promise leads us to say "whatsoever He would have me do." We do not know what it may be that Jesus will ask us to do, but our pledge is that whatever it is we will do it.

In repeating the Christian Endeavor Pledge we promise to build important habits into our lives. One is to read the Bible every day. The Bible tells God's will for man and in reading it daily we become much better acquainted with what Christ wants us to do. Reading the Bible offers strength when needed, brings us closer to God, and is a solace in times of sorrow.

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In the pledge we promise to pray daily. Regular communion with God gives new strength, aids in making decisions, keeps us from evil, and inspires us to greater effort on behalf of Christ and His Church.

### God's Promise

Through the Bible runs a scarlet thread of promises that God has made to man. God spoke to Abraham and told him if he would keep his side of a covenant that he would be blessed. God promised four things to Abraham: (1) He would make his name great; (2) Abraham's descendants would be as numberless as the sands of the sea; (3) He would give the land of Judah to Abraham's children; and (4) through one of these descendants all the world would be blessed.

Abraham kept faith with God and God kept His promises. Abraham's name is known everywhere as a man of faith, his children inherited the land and are reclaiming it today, and who can count the race of Jews descended from Abraham? Through his descendant, Jesus, is all the world blessed. Keeping our promises to God and to others means that God can keep His promises to us.

### Life Situations for Discussion

Jesse is a boy of fourteen and has an understanding with his parents that he comes directly home from school. Under these arrangements he should be home at 3:45. One evening on the way home he gets involved in a ball game and is an hour late getting home. Jesse reasons that he had nothing to do at home so it was not important to get there. *Is he wrong? Did he break a promise?*

Gwendolen can drive but doesn't have a driver's license. On a Sunday afternoon when her folks are gone she takes the car for a trip to the country, arriving back before her parents. Her friend Joan knows she did this. *What should Joan do in the light of the fact that she has promised her parents to be truthful about all things?*

Oscar has promised his father he will not smoke until he is at least 21. A group of six friends have some cigarettes and plan to try them out. *What can Oscar do to keep his promise to his father and not be regarded as a sissy by the fellows?*

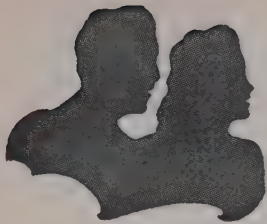
Lowell leaves home on Sunday morning to go to church. On the way he pulls into the filling station and gets to talking to the fellows about hot rods. He completely forgets about going to church. *Has he broken any promise since his intentions were good?*

Billy is at a Christian Endeavor party. He is supposed to be home at 11:15. The group he is with stops for pizza and it is midnight when Billy arrives home. *What should Billy do? Since he has no control over their stopping, is he breaking any promise?*

### Closing Suggestions

In the light of the discussion of promises and the pledge, use the pledge as a means of recommitment and as a benediction.





# If I Date Outside My Faith

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II Corinthians 6:14; I Corinthians 6:14-18; Deuteronomy 7:1-4

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

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Comments by Robert W. Rash

## Promoting the Meeting

In all publicity make the word "date" or "dating" very prominent. Use such phrases as "You have a DATE with Christian Endeavor," or "Bring your DATE to Christian Endeavor," etc.

A special invitation could be mimeographed or printed. Distribute this to all young people in the service area of your society or church. This invitation should urge young people to bring their friends to Christian Endeavor.

## Suggested Program Outline

Instrumental Prelude: Hymn 24, *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Hymn 26, *How Firm a Foundation*

The Creed of your Denomination (to be read)

Prayer

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 11:9, 10; 12:1; Proverbs 1:7-10, 15; 2:9-12; 3:1-6

Story of the Hymn, *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Hymn 56, *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Presentation and Discussion of the Topic  
Special Number (by a young couple)

Life Problem Discussion

Announcements and Offering

Closing Song 10, *I Would Be True*

Benediction

## Helps for the Leader

The Bible is the best source book on dating which ultimately leads to marriage and home life. A good Bible concordance or a topical Bible will be invaluable in the preparation for the development of this topic.

Your pastor should be your wisest counselor on this subject. Seek his guidance. Other sources of helps would be the public library and bookstores of your community. However, be careful of your selection of helps.

Ask someone to summarize the creeds of various faith and present the summary to the group.

## A Life Problem

Jane Smith graduated from high school last spring. She had planned to enroll in college in the fall but this summer she has met a fine young man whom she has been dating. He is an honorable young man. The two have grown fond of each other.

Just recently Jane found out his parents are strong and loyal supporters of the Roman Catholic Church, but he says the Catholic faith doesn't matter much to him and he is very willing now to escort Jane to her church and its various activities. Should Jane continue to date this young man? What would be your advice to Jane if she were one of your Christian Endeavor members? What complications are likely to arise if the two should decide to marry?

## Introducing the Topic

Dating is not merely a pleasant pastime,

## AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To know God's plan.
2. To understand God's direction.
3. To see the effects of disregard.
4. To evaluate present-day cases.

## BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How important should one consider the first date?
2. How may dating outside my faith weaken my Christian faith?
3. What are some complications that may arise between couples of unlike faith?
4. Is it wise for a Christian to date those of unlike faith, or a non-Christian, in order to eventually win the person to Christ?
5. When a young person in your church needs counseling and guidance as he considers dating, to whom should he be able to go for needed advice? Why your answer?

it is the serious business of life itself. Many have made too much sport of the subject. In considering dating we are brought face to face with the real experiences of life itself and with the program that God has outlined.

A part of the problem could be dating as such, but the real problem arises when dating buds into courtship and marriage, particularly when such dating is with an unbeliever or one of some other faith.

Our desire is to approach the discussion of the topic in a loving and tolerant manner, yet look at it frankly. Our purpose should be to present Bible teachings and practical illustrations as the various questions arise. On the basis of the facts presented we should be greatly impressed to date within our own faith.

## Knowing God's Plan

God in His wisdom had a plan from the very beginning of the world. He saw that it was not good for Adam to be alone so He made a help meet for him. This story is found in Genesis 2:18-23. It would be helpful to read the entire portion.

This plan forms the real basis for dating, courtship, and marriage. "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (Genesis 2:24).

When Jesus came into His public ministry He performed His first miracle at the marriage in Cana of Galilee (John 2:1-11). Two things stand out in our mind as we read this Scripture. The first is that Jesus graced the occasion with His presence.

## Bible Meditations

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| M., Aug. 5.    | The Danger of Association.          | II Peter 2:14-17.  |
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The second is that by this act He placed His personal sanction upon the plan had outlined long before.

## Understanding God's Directions

In Deuteronomy 7:1-11 God outlines specific directions to the children of Israel as they established their homes in the land of promise. Christian Endeavorers need to read this Scripture over and over to realize its full implication. The strength of a nation is fully dependent upon the strength of the homes and the strength of the homes depends upon unity of faith in the Lord.

God well knows that one of the ways to destroy a believing holy people is to permit them to unite with those of different faith and particularly with those who worship idols.

It is obvious that if God's people were permitted to intermingle in dating, courtship, and marriage, it would be one of the quickest ways to end the distinction of a people and stamp out the true religion.

The apostle Paul in writing II Corinthians 6:14 tried to correct an error—lift up a standard in the Corinthian church. The baser party at Corinth was very different to the matter of marriage. It made little difference to them whether they were idol worshippers or true Christians. Paul warns against unequal relationships. He felt that a young man and a young woman are unequally yoked together when they have no common bond of Christian faith.

## The Effects of Disregard

The effects of disregard for God's plan in dating, courtship, and marriage are adequately portrayed in the following examples.

Solomon, the third king of the United Kingdom, made political covenants with other nations and married wives from surrounding nations. These wives were not worshippers of Jehovah and they turned Solomon's heart from the Lord (I Kings 11:1-4).

Ahab, one of the kings of Israel, married Jezebel from Sidon. Sidon was infested with Baal worship. The result was that Jehovah worship was put aside and Baal worship was established in Israel (I Kings 16:29-22:40).

## Things to Do

1. If possible secure the attendance of a Christian couple who have been happily married for fifty years or more as honored guests. Have the meeting place decorated with an appropriate bouquet which can be presented to the couple at the close of the service. Let the couple share with the young people the way in which their union of Christian faith has been the basis of their years of happiness.
2. Memorize II Corinthians 6:14 as a Bible gem on companionship.

The YOUTH FORUM on Page 9 of this issue of THE WORLD will give additional help on this topic.



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## Suggestions to the Counselor

The following literature will give additional material for this topic. Copies may be ordered from the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches, 1234 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

*I Marry a Roman Catholic*, 5c

*Christian Marriage*, 15c

*I Marry Outside My Religion*, 25c

Another helpful book is *Primer for Parents*, \$1.00, available through the National Society of Christian Endeavor. A conference with the minister is another way to gain additional information.

## Suggested Hymns

Hymn 21, *Faith of Our Fathers*; 64, *He Calls Us*; 6, *This Is My Father's House*; 124, *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*.

## Dating Is Important

Dating takes up a large share of the time and time of young people. As one of the activities of youth that precedes marriage, it has great influence on the future. Therefore consideration of dating becomes highly significant. This is a study relating outside one's own faith and its attendant problems.

In the first place there is almost always strong emotion attached to our religious convictions and differences can lead to serious and distasteful arguments. There are couples whose only real differences have been over religious beliefs. When this is the case, allegiance to the church and its activities is often weakened.

Where dating leads to marriage with someone outside the young person's faith there are additional problems to be met. In the marriage of young people of two different testaments there are its problems.

## When Protestants Marry

Ken and Sara belonged to two different testament denominations. Since Ken was an officer in his church when they married he decided to unite with Ken's church. When Sara was ready to change she discovered that the church of her husband required her to take an action that was not part of her previous convictions. In what was a very happy marriage had come the disappointment. Sara's first reaction was a refusal to change her membership. Fortunately both Sara and Ken were well-balanced, intelligent young people and recognized the need for family unity in the church. In addition Ken's minister was a very understanding person and took time to explain the position of the church and that it did not contradict any position that Sara had held. He gave them time to think and study and Sara gradually and she could wholeheartedly unite with her husband's church. Today she is an active member of the choir and takes part in the young adult program as well as in any other phases of the church.

In the same group is a second couple where the wife never did unite with her

## THOUGHT STIMULATORS FOR DISCUSSION

"I can't help it if I fall in love with someone of another faith."

"Love will find a way."

"Religion should not enter into the question of whom I date."

"We will settle all our differences after we get married."

"What should a young person do to be sure he has a chance to meet the right people?"

husband's church. The result was that neither have been very active. These are some of the problems that young people face when they marry outside their faith.

## When Protestant Marries

### Roman Catholic

These difficulties are heightened when a Protestant marries a Roman Catholic. A careful examination will reveal some situations that are well-nigh impossible to resolve. This has nothing to do with the fine quality of individuals or their desire to have a good home. It is usually the pressures of the Roman Catholic Church which interfere. Let us look at some of the problems involved.

In the first place the Roman Catholic regards the pope as Christ's representative on earth. He speaks for Christ and the church. The pope is a man living in Rome and in Roman Catholic terms is the "vicar" of Christ on earth. The Protestant sees God's will revealed through Christ, His Son. There is no one man anywhere that speaks for Christ to the church. The Protestant approaches God directly through Christ and is his own priest.

Another point of variance is that over the world the Roman Church has developed a world-wide hierarchy. This is a supreme religious government to which all members of the church vow allegiance. Protestant groups have governments but are all democratic to a strong degree. The Roman Catholic must accept the hierarchy and has no voice in the government of the organization. These radically different viewpoints lead to difficulties, strong feelings, and even separation of married couples.

The Roman Catholic only sanctions intermarriage with Protestants when there is a strong possibility that the Protestant will turn Roman Catholic.

## How It Works Out

Susie was an active member of her

church and Christian Endeavor, and a good student in school. Bob was in the same class at school. She knew that he was a Roman Catholic but it didn't mean much to her. They went on a coke date or two and then a show. Then they dated more often and by the time they were out of school they were planning to marry. They discovered a difference in religious viewpoints but they felt they were in love and it didn't much matter.

Upon going to the priest to talk over marriage plans Susie found that she would have to sign a paper agreeing to rear any children in the Catholic faith. Bob said not to worry about it because it didn't matter to him and they would work it out; he wouldn't interfere with what she wanted to do.

After the marriage a child was born. Susie was visited by the priest who told her that she had signed an agreement to rear the child as a Roman Catholic. If she didn't the church could by law take the child away from her. Then Bob's parents began to pressure him about bringing the baby up as a Roman Catholic. This led to the first real quarrel that Susie and Bob had ever had. The situation continued and more unhappiness resulted. Bob's parents were cool to Susie and the relations between the couple were strained.

They eventually moved to another town. Susie seriously considered separation but concluded the baby needed a father. Bob refused to let Susie read his parents' letters. What had every other promise of being a happy marriage almost went on the rocks because of religious differences. The differences that were personal might have been resolved had the Roman Catholic Church been willing to let Bob and Susie work it out for themselves.

In any case it means that young people need to know and to consider all the facts before they become too emotionally involved with someone to be able to think clearly or break up the association.

## Problems in Bible Days

Such problems existed in Biblical days and the results were disastrous. The Old Testament leaders who went outside God's people for their associates always brought trouble upon themselves. Samson was a leader of his people and blessed of God with great strength to be used for the good of his followers. This he did until his entanglement with Delilah. She was a pagan and was his downfall and finally his death.

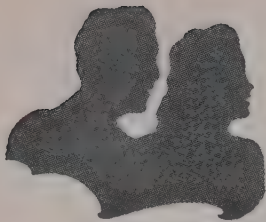
Ahab married the daughter of a foreigner and a worshiper of the heathen god Baal. Jezebel brought her priests to the peaceful country of God's people and trouble and disaster followed.

The problems of intermarriage are very real ones and young people are in them before they realize what they are unless we study them ahead of time and make plans to evade as many of the difficulties as possible.

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## Promoting the Meeting

An announcement could be printed on a clasped-hand design stating, "A hand of friendship awaits you at Christian Endeavor tonight." (Give date and time.) Be sure that the lookout committee or the social committee members are present to welcome all.

Publicity could be in the form of a ship with such wording as "All Aboard the Friend Ship for Christian Endeavor Tonight."

In the meeting room arrange the chairs in a circle. The entire service could be conducted with this seating arrangement. It would be natural to conclude the service with the much-loved friendship circle.

## Suggested Program Outline

Christian Friendship Singing (10 minutes)  
Prayer, or solo, *The Lord's Prayer*  
Hymn, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
Scripture, John 15:1-17

Prayer  
Hymn 24, *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Presentation and Discussion of the Topic  
Life Problem Discussion  
Announcements and Offering  
Closing Hymn 34, *Blest Be the Tie*  
Friendship Circle  
Mizpah Benediction

## Helps for the Leader

Assign someone, at least one week in advance, to relate in his own words a Bible story of real friendship and have this story told during the program of the meeting.

Be sure that advance announcement is made for everyone to bring his Bible for use during the program.

## A Life Problem

Albert Brown, a fine Christian young man, has completed his full medical course at the university in preparation for service in his denomination as a medical missionary. During the past six months, because of his outstanding ability in the medical field, his professors and school friends have urged him not to consider his call to the mission field but instead to serve on the staff of the university hospital. Albert does have considerable funds invested in his education. As a church friend how would you advise Albert? How important is a divine call to the mission field? What can his church friends do to help him make the right decision?

## Introducing the Topic

The character of a person can usually be determined by the type of friendships he forms. Many well-meaning young people have been subtly led astray through intimate friendships with a worldly crowd. This being true, it is important that we form the right kind of friendships within our own

### AIM OF THE TOPIC

To establish the basis for friendship in one's own local church and denomination.

### BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Of what value are Christian friends?
2. What benefits may be derived from friendships within one's own church?
3. Will one become narrow-minded if he limits his friendships entirely to those within the church?
4. What can the social committee of the society do to promote worthwhile friendships?

Christian Endeavor society, local church, or denomination. The church should encourage such friendships by providing a strong spiritual and attractive social program for her youth. Christian Endeavor, through society programs and social functions sponsored by the social or recreational committee, is designed to aid in forming true and lasting Christian friendships.

## Values of True Friendships

1. True friendship doesn't change (Proverbs 17:17). A true friend will be with you when you have money and when you are broke, when you are healthy and when you are ill, when you have joy and when you have sorrow.

2. True friends are to be cherished (Proverbs 21:10). It takes time to develop true friendships, therefore they should not be dissolved at will. True friends are always on hand when you need them, therefore forsake them not.

3. Friendship is stimulating (Proverbs 27:17). The lift one needs in life is furnished by his friends. The wit, humor, counsel and guidance of a friend is of untold value as we face the issues of life.

4. Friendship is profitable (Ecclesiastes 4:9,10). The person who lives to himself has no one to help in the hour of need. His self, plus a friend, makes a double force to face life. If difficulties overtake us we have someone to help lift the load which becomes too heavy to carry alone.

5. True friendship is the greatest (John 15:13-15). True friendship expresses itself even to the point of giving up life itself. It is also expressed in obedience to the righteous desire of a friend. Friendship is a much higher plane than servitude. Abraham was called the Friend of God. Jesus changed the relation of His disciples from servants (slaves) to friends because they did His bidding.

### Bible Passages

- M., Aug. 12. Christian Friendships. John 15:9-17.  
T., Aug. 13. Mutual Strengthening. Ecclesiastes 4:9,10.  
W., Aug. 14. Worshipping Together. Psalm 55:14.  
T., Aug. 15. A Cause for Thanks. Philippians 1:3-5.  
F., Aug. 16. Produces a Witness. Acts 2:46,47.  
S., Aug. 17. Preservation by Contact. Mark 9:50.  
Sun., Aug. 18. Topic—Forming Friendships in My Church. Colossians 4:5-15; James 4:4.

## Examples of True Friendship

1. *Jonathan and David* (I Samuel 18). The friendship of these two was so strong that Jonathan was willing to give up his own life for David. Further, he gave up the throne but was willing to step aside because he was a true friend.

2. *Ruth and Naomi* (Ruth 1:16). Friendship was strong enough to cause Ruth to voluntarily choose a strange country, among a strange people, and serve the Jehovah God. By so doing she became part of the family lineage of Christ.

3. *Elijah and Elisha* (II Kings 2:19-22). These two prophets had such a close friendship that the younger wanted to be treated as the spiritual son of the other. His request for a double portion of the prophetic spirit was granted by the older prophet who acted as a spiritual father.

4. *Friendship in the Early Church* (Acts 2:42). The fellowship of the early Church was four-fold. (1) It was a fellowship of the things they believed. (2) It was a fellowship expressed in outward works. (3) It was a fellowship at the communal table. (4) It was a fellowship expressed in prayer. All of these are great examples of true Christian friendship of a high type.

5. *Jesus and the Bethany family* (John 11:1-44). Jesus expressed tender affection for this Bethany family. This affection really a love of a chosen friendship. We of fullest emotion are natural in this experience because of the situation and bond of friendship.

## Lessons in Friendship

1. Friendship in conviction (Acts 2:38). When the Holy Spirit brings conviction need a friend.

2. Friendship in conversion (Acts 2:38). In the experience of conversion we always want friends to share the good news.

3. Friendship in confession (Acts 2:42). It is always easier to make our open confession among friends.

4. Friendship in steadfastness (Acts 2:42). A friend by your side will be of great value to help you in Christian living.

5. Friendship in power (Acts 2:42). Where two or three of like faith are gathered together God honors with power.

6. Friendship in meeting human needs (Acts 2:44). Our hearts are moved to real friendship to meet the needs of others.

7. Friendship in growth (Acts 2:47). The first Psalm indicates that whatsoever the righteous man does shall prosper. The promise coupled with friendship makes possible the Christian growth that is needed.

## Things to Do

1. Since the emphasis is on friendship, organize the society for visitation of its members and friends of the society together with other young people in the church area. This should be done prior to the meeting that delinquent or new people may be met at the meeting on this Sunday evening.

2. Memorize John 15:13 as the Bible gem on friendship.



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## Questions for Worship Services

Assemble the group outside the regular worship room and bring them into the sanctuary with quiet music. If there is no congregation meetings, use the sanctuary for the worship period. Have the Bible lighted with candles as a worship center. Place on a table or altar. With the other lights out or subdued, assemble the group for the worship service. Occasionally use directed prayer. Suggest, for example, that in our prayers we thank God for something and ask Him for something that is important to us.

## Suggested Hymns

Hymn 107, *Dear Lord and Father of All*; 56, *O Love, That Wilt Not Let Us Go*; 84, *He Leadeth Me*.

## Bible Times

Jesus told His disciples that if any of them left father or mother or brother or sister for His sake that they would receive a hundredfold. How true this was when the disciples began to spread the word abroad. Wherever they went homes opened up to them. Food, clothing, shelter, and protection were theirs. Many times the people they gave them shelter endangered their lives because of the persecution of the Romans. These were friendships that grew in the church.

Paul's letters have many references to his Christian friends scattered over the world. He lists a large number by name. The letter to Romans was written before he had visited the church there. But at the conclusion there is a list of about twenty names of his close associates who are now home, people he came to know and love in the church. The church is the place for many long-lasting friendships are made.

## Real Life Story

A few months ago the newspapers told the story of the death of Mrs. William A. Sunday, wife of "Billy" Sunday, an evangelist known the world over. He attained fame by his vigorous portrayals of battle of evil and the Christian. Thousands of people were won to Christ through preaching. Mrs. Sunday always had the conviction that God had given her the job of taking care of Billy. In the fall of 1956, about four months after her death, Mrs. Sunday was the guest speaker at a Christian Endeavor banquet held at Winona Lake, Indiana. The meeting was the Great Lakes Regional Conference. At that time Mrs. Sunday related how she had met Billy Sunday at a Christian Endeavor meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Sunday told the young people at Winona Lake that their courting was done at the Christian Endeavor gatherings and he had back seat of the church where they were attending the church services. Their marriage followed and a long and fruitful ministry began.

## DISCUSSION STARTERS

Bill Johnson is a new boy in our neighborhood. How can the Christian Endeavor society make him know we are friendly toward him?

Twila, Lela, and Joan are inseparable friends. How can they be made to realize that clannishness is not good for a Christian Endeavor society?

Pete is a shy, timid youth who says very little and doesn't take part in many activities. How can Christian Endeavor help him?

Many young people do not attend youth groups. How can our society make itself so friendly that these young people will want to attend meetings?

## Building Friendship in the Church

Let us take a look at what helps build friendships in the church. In the first place is *regular attendance*. Regularity takes away some of the timidity and the feelings of strangeness that youth often experience at church. Frequent appearance at the church makes the young people familiar with the physical surroundings. They see many of the same people because they all go whenever there is a meeting. A feeling of belonging grows out of this regular attendance at church and Christian Endeavor. The desire to be a part of a larger body is strong in youth and here is one way to meet this urging—go to church.

Les was a rather lonely lad, living much to himself. He had few friends and played only occasionally with the boys of the neighborhood. He never went to church nor did his parents. Down the road a bit lived Ted who was very interested in Scouting. When the church started a troop he was among the first to join. After a while he invited Les to go along with him to a Scout meeting and Les went. Les never became an Eagle Scout but he did become interested in Christian Endeavor and after a short while united with the church. Through these relations he established several new friendships. Today Les is married to one of the girls he met at Christian Endeavor, is a popular teacher of a young people's Sunday school class, and holds an office in the church. He and Ted are far removed in miles, but still have a strong, live friendship. These things would never have happened outside of the life of the church.

A second element in making friends in the church is *participation*. To take part in

activities of the youth group and the church in general is an aid to making friends. If Jane is having trouble finding someone to read the Scripture in Christian Endeavor and Hal consents to do it there is a new tie established. There is a better bond of understanding on its way. Willingness to do whatever he can do will make friends for Hal.

A father and son banquet may bring an invitation to take part on the program. When Hal does this he opens the way for many more people to know him and he will usually meet new people who are eager to be his friends. The third element in making friends is an attitude of *willingness to make friends* on the part of each one. Many people fail to make friends because they do not act friendly themselves.

When the great trek westward in pioneer days from Virginia to Kentucky and north to Ohio and Indiana was on, an old man liked to watch the wagons go by. On one occasion he was sitting with a friend by the roadside when a wagon stopped. The old man said, "Travelin' fer?" The driver said, "We're a-lookin' for a place to light. We want to be sure the people are good and friendly before we decide to stay. What kind ye got around here?" The old man said, "What kind did you have where you came from?" The driver said, "The very worst. That's why we're movin'. No neighbors, wouldn't speak or help a feller at all." The old man said, "Drive on, friend, that's the description of just what we got here. You wouldn't like it here." The driver yelled, "Git up!" to his team and on they went.

The old man's friend started to protest that the people were not that way, when a second wagon pulled up and stopped. The same conversation followed except the driver said they had left the best and finest people in the world. The old man said, "Light here, stranger. That's the kind of people we have." The wagon moved on to find a place and the friend said to the old man that he was contradicting himself because he told two different stories to the two drivers. The old man's faded eye twinkled and he said, "Nope, I told the truth. Friendliness is not the neighborhood, it's what you are. You make it friendly or unfriendly depending on your attitude."

When you think about Jesus you will remember how approachable He was. The children loved Him and talked with Him. The rich man found Him a friend. The publicans and the sinners sought Him out. The lame and the halt eagerly followed Him. To be like Him is to radiate friendliness to those around you. To build lasting friendships go to church, take part wherever possible, and be always developing Christlike friendliness in your manner.

## Suggestions to the Counselor

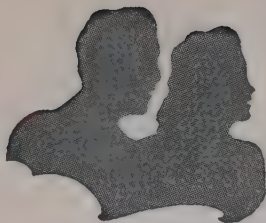
The story of Mrs. William A. Sunday could be told by one young person.

The incident of the old man can be told by another or it could be dramatized.

## Daily Devotional Readings

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| M., Aug. 12.   | Christian Friendships.                  | John 15:9-17.                 |
| T., Aug. 13.   | Mutual Strengthening.                   | Ecclesiastes 4:9,10.          |
| W., Aug. 14.   | Worshiping Together.                    | Psalms 55:14.                 |
| T., Aug. 15.   | A Cause for Thanks.                     | Philippians 1:3-5.            |
| F., Aug. 16.   | Produces a Witness.                     | Acts 2:46,47.                 |
| S., Aug. 17.   | Preservation by Contact.                | Mark 9:50.                    |
| Sun., Aug. 18. | Topic—Forming Friendships in My Church. | Colossians 4:5-15; James 4:4. |





# These Embers Shall Not Die

Exodus 3:1-10

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

AUGUST

Comments by Darrell Franken

## Briefing the Leader

Summertime experiences plant within us many warm and pleasant memories. Long days and warm evenings make it possible for us to appreciate the out-of-doors. It might be good for your group to take advantage of this by having a campfire service or a Galilean service beside a lake or near your church. The following "dialogue" could be used very appropriately, as you sit together beside a fire or near a lake.

## The Burning Bush

**Speaker No. 1.** The passage of Scripture which was read is the story of Moses and what God said to him as he watched the burning bush on Mt. Horeb. There is a real message for us in that story.

**Speaker No. 2.** Yes, there is. I suppose you could put the whole message of that passage like this, "When God reveals Himself to us He wants each of us to lead others into His land of milk and honey."

**No. 1.** That sums it up fairly well, but let's discuss it in more detail. Then I think we will be able to understand it a little better.

**No. 2.** All right, I'll go along with that. You know the story of Moses and the burning bush, don't you? Well, you remember that an "angel of the Lord" appeared unto him in a flame of fire." In other words, God was revealing Himself to Moses in a very special way.

**No. 1.** You're saying that God revealed Himself to Moses in a special way, but I've always wondered how God reveals Himself to people today. I don't know the answer to this question and I've been trying to figure it out . . . (pause) . . . Now that I think about it, though, isn't the Bible God's revelation to us today?

**No. 2.** You're smarter than you think you are. Sure, God reveals Himself through the Bible. Of course, you and I both know that He revealed Himself in Jesus Christ, but without that record, as it is found in the Bible, we would have no revelation.

**No. 1.** That brings up another question. If God reveals Himself in the Bible, why is it necessary to go to church, Sunday school, and Bible camps? Can't we just read the Bible and get what we need to know about God from it?

**No. 2.** What a question! I suppose you could, but do you think you would? God can reveal Himself through the Bible. Many people have been converted by just reading it. But do you think you could become a mature Christian if you did not associate, learn and worship with others?

**No. 1.** Well—no, I suppose not. I guess I'd soon forget about it.

**No. 2.** That's exactly it. Without some help, encouragement and inspiration from other Christians, we would fall into the trap of laziness. The title of our topic today is, "These Embers Shall Not Die." This is a good title. We all know what the

## PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service  
Song Service  
14, In the Service of the King  
84, He Leadeth Me  
125, My Faith Looks Up to Thee  
Scripture: Exodus 3:1-10  
Prayer  
Special Music  
Offering (Hymn)  
Topic  
Hymn 105, Take My Life and Let It Be  
Benediction

glowing embers of a campfire look like. They are bright and they attract our attention. They warm our bodies and calm our souls. It's very important that we keep the glowing embers of our faith from dying out.

**No. 1.** You are saying, then, that our faith is like a campfire. It is helpful to us as long as it is burning brightly. Is that right? As long as we keep adding wood to the fire it keeps burning, and as long as we add Christian teachings and spiritual inspiration to our faith it will warm our souls, calm our spirits, and bring us closer to God.

**No. 2.** That's a good summary. You know what? There are thousands of young people who have attended Bible camps or Christian Endeavor conventions or conferences this summer. Nearly every one of them has added fuel to his faith by attending. Many have been led to accept Christ as their Saviour and source of strength. This is the work of God revealing Himself to us. But now I have a real concern for all those who have experienced such blessings this summer. What are they going to do with this new faith and enthusiasm? Are they going to hide it and let it rot, or are they going to use it?

**No. 1.** I think that the story of Moses at the burning bush might give us some help. You remember that the major purpose of God revealing Himself to Moses was to call Moses to become a leader. He was to be a leader for the Israelites who were slaves of the Egyptians.

**No. 2.** That's right. God revealed Himself to Moses and accompanied that revelation with a call. It was a call to lead His people into a land "flowing with milk and honey." But how does this answer my question?

**No. 1.** This is the way I figure it. You were concerned about what was going to happen to the increased enthusiasm and

faith that is gained by summer camp conferences. Moses put his faith to when God called him. Now I realize we are not called to do jobs like I did, but each of us has some ability that can put to work for God. There are things we can do to keep the bright burning embers of our faith from dying.

**No. 2.** You almost sound like a minister giving a sermon. But that's all right. I'm sure more people would think and talk like that. Maybe you could explain or elaborate what you just mentioned.

**No. 1.** In another week or two many of us will be going back to school. It is so easy to go back into the same type of life we had when school closed last year. If perhaps we could do things a little differently this year, it might show that God's revelation to us at camp and in the out-of-doors this past summer has not gone to waste. I happen to know that there are Bible Clubs in many high schools. Maybe we could make a point to join one of them, or start one of our own school. This certainly would help us to keep the embers of our faith from dying out. This is not the only way it is one way that might help.

**No. 2.** I was also thinking of another way to keep the fires of our faith burning. That is by being of help to other people. I know of several societies who bring food and sing to people in hospitals, orphanages and homes for the aged. Maybe we could share our faith in that way.

**No. 1.** I think that if we want to, we can find lots of ways to keep our faith strong. Like Moses, when God reveals Himself to us and calls us, we really should respond to that call.

**No. 2.** This has been a very profitable discussion so far. Now we would like to hear from those in our audience to contribute to this discussion. Here are some questions:

1. What precautions can we take to keep our faith from dying out?
2. Why is it that the more we talk about our faith to others, the brighter our faith burns?
3. What project can our society do to show our faith to others who are less fortunate?
4. What can each of us do to increase the faith that we have?

Poem: *Around Campfires*

Around campfires  
Ancient sages sat and talked  
And wondered  
About stars, about fire, about God.

Around campfires  
Hebrew shepherds watched and thought  
And wondered  
About stars, about fire, about God.

Around campfires  
Modern campers gather, sing,  
And wonder  
About stars, about fire, about God.

Source Unknown

## For the Quiet Hour

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# These Embers Shall Not Die

Exodus 3:1-10



mediate (12-14 Years)

AUGUST 25

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## Program

127: God Who Touchest Earth with  
Gen. 1:14-18; Psalm 8:34  
night's blue curtain of the sky  
thousand stars inwrought,  
like a royal canopy  
glittering diamonds fraught—  
Lord, Thy temple's outer veil,  
splendor at the shrine must dwell!  
William A. Muhlenberg  
d of Silence (followed by prayers  
individuals in the group).  
ing of Taps

## Poster

ake a solid cut-out (or India ink)  
ing of a campfire with sparks flying  
ard. Put a few stars around the top.  
upper half of the poster may be a deep  
the lower half keep white with a blue  
er. Print "These Embers Shall Not Die"  
nd cut-out of campfire. Announce place  
time of campfire in lower section.

## Variety

r the meeting plan to use:

1. Group singing
2. Bible participation
3. Personal testimony
4. Prayer potentialities
5. Meditation moments
6. Brief reports on camp

## Singing

mpfires are "habit-forming" in the best  
e. They never seem to lose their fasci-  
on and charm. Peppy camp songs,  
ds and motion songs are good begin-  
(*Campfire's Burning, Someone's in the  
hen with Dinah, Chairs to Mend, White  
ite Bells*, and others.) Let there be  
ite progression toward a deeper atmos-  
e of worship in the selection of songs,  
ng with such songs as *We're on the  
ard Trail, Ever on to the Heights, My  
and I*.

## Bible Period

ead the Exodus 3:1-10 passage and  
ment on its meaning for today. Then  
for participation of the group suggesting  
Endeavorers give favorite "nature pas-  
s" of the Bible.

ne of the most successful campfire  
tings of one group was that in which  
leader asked each one to contribute his  
rite Bible verse, going round the circle.  
ou have newcomers who may be em-  
assed by such procedure, let the leader  
on certain key persons for verses, and  
in turn will ask others. This sponta-  
y often brings to mind verses otherwise  
looked but which have real and signifi-  
c meaning to the person who speaks  
n. Often he will comment as to why a  
ain verse means much.

## Personal Testimony

ome groups find the campfire an ideal  
ortunity for Christian evangelizing, for  
eems easier to speak about truth in in-

## OUR AIMS

1. To have an out-of-doors campfire meet-  
ing.
2. To emphasize the spiritual values re-  
ceived in worshipping God in the out-of-doors.
3. To testify to the lasting impressions  
made by attendance at camp and summer  
meetings.

dividual experience in the informal out-of-  
doors than in the public indoor meeting. If  
your group is not yet prepared for such  
activity, tonight is a good time to make a  
start by presenting an easy informal topic  
for testimony, such as "My Most Memorable  
Campfire." This may provoke memories you  
would least suspect. One quiet boy thus  
questioned told of his experiences when  
caught out in the snow five miles from  
home, of his efforts to make a campfire,  
and what he learned and thought about as  
it went out before the storm ended.

Groups more advanced in Christian living  
may find it possible to give testimony on  
"What God Means to Me Today" or "Why  
I Am Trying to Be a Christian Day by  
Day." Then be sure to have those who  
have been to camp tell of what they  
learned and experienced there.

## Our Prayer Period

"Thank you, God, for the out-of-doors  
with its beauty," may prove to be the first  
of many prayers uttered by someone who  
wants to pray but as yet lacks the experi-  
ence or practice in public prayer. Allow  
ample time for sentence prayers, and the  
silence between is never as oppressive out-  
of-doors as one hears the whisper of the  
pines or the sudden rush of wind in the  
treetops. One group concludes its outdoor  
prayer time with group repetition of "The  
Twenty-Third Psalm," with its reminder  
that "the Lord is my Shepherd."

## Meditation Moments

Each campfire should have its silences.  
The unhurried spirit we find in campfires  
is a restful change from our mad, modern  
living. Not what the speaker says but what  
the individuals in the group think is most  
important. Campfire talks, however, should  
always offer a challenge to higher living.  
The quiet crackle of the fire with its  
darting tongues of flame, the serenity of  
the shadowy trees and the silence of the  
star-studded canopy above, all bring release  
from tensions.

## A Leader Speaks

It was one of those ideal summer nights  
for a campfire. Sitting in a circle around

## From God's Book

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it, the Endeavorers watched the hungry  
flames devour the wood. Sparks snapped  
into the night air to provide interest and  
beauty.

Two deductions were inescapable: (1)  
the stronger the wind the more numerous  
the sparks and the higher and farther they  
will fly; (2) the dryer the wood, the more  
quickly there is an emission of sparks and  
colorful flames.

The leader, aware that all were interested  
in the sparks flying upward, talked on the  
subject. When man lives an unselfish, de-  
voted Christian life and seeks to glorify  
God, he can spread the Gospel effectively  
through the vigor of his personality. Even  
though various personalities react differently  
to varied types of Christians, there are al-  
ways some who can be influenced for the  
right. The sparks engender life and interest.  
Others can be set on fire by enthusiastic  
Christians. When the fire settles into glow-  
ing embers and quiet abounds, there are  
still evidences that God is in His world.

## Closing

After a period of prayer, form a friend-  
ship circle and sing your favorite bened-  
iction song which for many groups is  
*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*. Let the leader  
first of all remind how universal is the  
blessing of fire, how important it is to  
progress. Then imagine what it would  
mean in terms of Christian progress to have  
campfires of young people of all races in  
all countries uniting for service to Christ.  
This is the eternal dream and the holding  
of your own campfire is at least a start in  
that direction.

Close with a prayer benediction, the  
following being suggested (it is an adapta-  
tion of James 3:5): "Dear Heavenly Father,  
grant that we may always remember with  
James, 'Behold how great a matter a little  
fire kindleth.' May we guard well the  
privilege of lighting Christian fires of  
fellowship, that in the midst of a dark and  
confused generation there may shine the  
flames of hope and faith eternal."

## Camp Memories

by Barbara Harr

Camp can give you so many things:  
Eyes to see and a heart that sings;  
A sunset sky like a sea of fire,  
And an echoing hymn from the grand camp  
choir.

You remember the things that your room-  
mates said,  
And the big dead frog in the counselor's  
bed;  
The warmth and peace of the campfire's  
glow  
And a God who never will let you go.

Time flies by like a robin's wings,  
But what recollections a campfire brings!  
Of the times you laughed, of the times you  
cried—  
Of the song and a feeling down deep inside.

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# Christian Endeavor Honor Societies

International Society is happy to present the third list of societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the 1957 Society Roll Call.

Special certificates have been given to these organizations. The societies and unions are listed as those receiving gold seals (having given \$50 or more), red seals (having contributed \$25), and blue seals (having given \$10).

These hereby named alphabetically according to states and provinces are those who enrolled during the months of March and April.

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Franklin County Union, Columbus, Ohio

Calvary Methodist Church, East Liverpool, Ohio

High School, Grace United Brethren Church, Sherkston, Ont.

Senior, Grace United Brethren Church, Sherkston, Ont.

High School, Grace Community Congregational Church, Jennings Lodge, Ore.

Youth Fellowship, First Presbyterian Church, Merrill, Ore.

Senior, Seibert Evangelical Congregational Church, Allentown, Pa.

Carlisle Springs Lutheran and Reformed Church, Carlisle, Pa.

Junior, Holmes Presbyterian Church, Morton, Pa.

Disston Memorial Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Tuxis, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Prince Street United Brethren Church, Shippensburg, Pa.

Presbyterian Church, West Grove, Pa.

First Christian Church, Harlingen, Texas

Second Christian Church, Houston, Texas

Adult, Mt. Olivet United Brethren Church, Mt. Solon, Va.

Young People's, Melrose Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Va.

Berkeley County Union, Martinsburg, W. Va.

NOTE: In the April issue of THE WORLD the St. Paul Congregational Church was listed in Roscoe, South Dakota. The correct location of this church is Hosmer, South Dakota.

## Special Events at Portland

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noon. Thursday has been set aside for luncheons of state, provincial, and national delegations. For information on dining facilities leaders should write to Mrs. Wallace Lee, 7425 S. E. 22nd Avenue, Portland 22, Oregon.

Youth will participate in each of the major convention sessions, giving youth witnesses and leading the worship service.

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# Christian Endeavor in Spain

By F. C. Buffard

## Spanish Gospel Mission

Reprinted from The Irish Endeavourer, April, 1957

Two years ago the notorious Cardinal of Seville got hold of a copy of a letter that concerned a Christian holiday camp in South Spain. Harmless activity by a movement evangelical and exclusively for evangelicals was denounced in the strongest as illegal and dangerous in the

It was brought to the attention of the people the existence of a movement that has long been established among evangelicals of Spain, and it may be of interest to Endeavorers at home to know something of the work of Christian Endeavor in Spain.

It needs to be borne in mind that the number of evangelicals is very small in Spain and that only about one in every thousand of the population is an evangelical Christian. Among this small minority there are quite a number that are devoted to Christian Endeavor and though it is not means universal it forms an important part of the young people's work in different parts of Spain.

### Is Limited

Christian Endeavor is greatly limited in Spain due to the peculiar difficulties of the situation in that land. The work of Endeavor societies is to train young people within the church to serve the Lord and to spread the Gospel in every possible way. In Spain this end is kept in mind but the means of evangelizing are very limited. No kind of propaganda is allowed, no open-air services, no house-to-house visiting, no tract distribution. Nevertheless, the work of spreading the Gospel goes on and it is largely carried on by the young people of the churches.

In our own district of the Spanish Gospel in south central Spain, there are a number of Christian Endeavor societies connected with several of our churches. We have proved the value of Christian Endeavor as a movement for our Christian people and one that helps them to live in Christian service.

The movement is strongest in Barcelona district where, generally speaking, there is more freedom than in other parts of Spain. Two years ago I had the privilege of attending the Christian Endeavor Congress there. There were delegates and others from most of the groups all over Spain, and over some fifty of us gathered for prayer and discussion. It was a good opportunity for getting to know something of the movement in general, and the fellowship so many from various denominations and groups was most inspiring.

There were discussions on the various activities, such as the summer camps, the publication of the magazine and Bible studies, the running of the local Christian Endeavor societies and so on. Then we had themes for study, examining the position of Spanish youth today in our evangelizing churches.

Our societies have to operate under very difficult conditions and often there is considerable opposition to our work. With the many restrictions upon the spread of the Gospel it is imperative that our young people should be trained, not only to take an active part in the meetings, but to be able to give an account of their faith to those around them and by personal witness to neighbors, relatives and friends, win others to the Lord.

### Strong Christian Endeavor Society

In Valdepenas, the headquarters of the Spanish Gospel Mission, we have quite a strong Christian Endeavor society that was formed before the war. This is run almost entirely by the young people themselves and the programs for each meeting, except the monthly consecration service, are got up by them. They take it in turn to lead the meeting and the usual program consists of a main subject sub-divided into smaller themes. Several of the young people are asked to speak for a few minutes on one of the sub-themes. At the end, either the Spanish pastor or someone with the necessary knowledge gives a resume of the theme. A number of our young people who began with a two minute talk in Christian Endeavor are now able to take a more active part in the service of the Lord, and this simple beginning is the training ground for future work.

Comparatively recently we have formed an Intermediate Society for the older children of the Sunday school, and they too are learning to take their part in their meetings.

In our district we are doing all we can to encourage a closer link between the so-

cieties though the distances involved are great and it makes direct contact rather difficult. Of the activities in which we share with many other groups, perhaps the most important are the summer camps held in various parts of Spain. These provide a pleasant holiday for our young people while serving to strengthen bonds of fellowship and giving an opportunity for Bible study together. There has been difficulty in some instances due to the interference of the authorities and this kind of work cannot be done on a large scale.

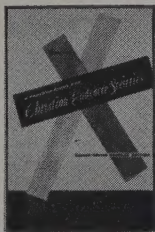
### Monthly Magazine Published

Then we have a monthly magazine published in Spain. Here again the difficulties are greatly due to the lack of freedom. Officially speaking we are not allowed to publish anything inside Spain without first getting permission from the censorship, but as permission would never be given for such a publication we just go ahead. Recently several evangelical publications have been banned by the authorities and those responsible for their publication fined. Up to the present, however, the little Christian Endeavor magazine has escaped, and it serves as a link between the scattered groups in different parts of the country.

The members of our societies, like all young people who are true followers of Christ in Spain, have to suffer much for the Gospel. They are looked upon as second rate citizens and often are denied their true rights as Spanish citizens. Most of the professions are closed to them; some are dismissed from their work; difficulties are placed in the way of Protestant marriages; and in many other ways it is very hard to be a Christian in Spain. Yet, in a remarkable way, the witness is going on and souls are being won to the Lord.

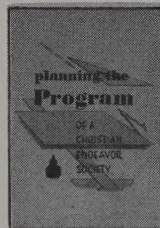
We praise God for Christian Endeavor in Spain and would seek your prayers that this fine movement may grow and be greatly used in helping the young people of the church, by training them to serve not only in the church but in their day by day witness at home and at work; that they may ever be in living contact with Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, to live for Christ and the Church.

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## “I wish I was dead!”

**Terrible words to come from  
the lips of a little child...**

**S**HOCKING, isn't it? But the little girl was simply expressing what countless thousands of other children feel... the forgotten children of the city slums, compelled to live in a world of dark hallways and filth-littered alleys, of rancid garbage smells and nameless fears. They sleep in musty rooms, sometimes three or four in a single bed. They are hungry so often that the ache has become habit. They see and hear things that no child should be permitted to see or hear.

For these children the worst time of all is the summer. Then the air is most poisonous with exhaust fumes and fetid smells. Tempers are shortest in the stifling heat. Wailing

babies, blaring radios, the din of traffic fill the days and nights. The slum child is trapped between the sweltering walls of his tenement and the blazing street.

But every year, up at Nyack on the Hudson, there is a refuge for many of these children... a pleasant haven high on a hill where they may escape for two glorious weeks. Here they romp on wide green lawns among tall, shady trees... they take hikes through the woods... they go swimming in a beautiful modern pool. They eat nourishing meals three times a day. They sleep in their own beds, between clean cool sheets.

Mont Lawn offers these children a real vacation from the heat and dirt of the slums... and it does more. Friendly sympathetic counselors prove to them that not all adults are to be distrusted and feared. In the interdenominational chapel they learn of God's love. For most of these children Mont Lawn is an experience that may spell the difference between a lifetime of poverty, bitterness, and even crime... and a happy, useful future guided by God.

This summer there are hundreds of children still waiting to go to Mont Lawn. Unless we receive immediate help many of these children will not be able to go. The very tot in the picture is typical of these unfortunates... condemned to go on staring hopelessly at a world they have reason to hate not only throughout the long, hot, weary summer months... but perhaps for the rest of their lives! Two weeks at Mont Lawn could make such a world of difference... but some one must make it possible.

Will you be the one to send a child such as this away from the slums for two weeks? Just \$35 will pay the entire cost but even the smallest contribution will help. Remember, one of these little ones is depending on your kindness. Mail your contribution now!

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Yes, I want to help some poor child spend two wonderful and inspiring weeks in God's outdoors. Here is my gift of \$.....  
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